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THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

THE sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, held in the First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., was a marked success, a season long to be remembered. All good things were ours—beautiful weather, a cordial welcome, and a gracious management that had prepared for every wish and need. Enough to say that Atlanta and her Methodism were at their best.

As a happy beginning of the session, Wednesday night was Founders' Night. A large audience gathered to honor the memory of the women who, overcoming obstacles and indifference, secured for the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the right to organize for definite service. The very church in which the Council met was the historic birthplace of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; and—remarkable incident!—on the platform sat Mrs. Harralson, of Atlanta, who had made the original motion to organize a Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. Jackson, who had seconded it, and five other charter members. Mrs. Siler's opening sentence proved the illuminating thought of the evening: "All movements are personality in action." Miss Gibson, in a happy, familiar way, told the story of the beginnings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, showing that this centered around the personalities of Mrs. Lavinia Kelley, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. McGavock, and others. Mrs. Emily Allen Siler traced the beginning of the Home Mission Society in the strong personalities of Misses Lucinda and Mary Helm, Misses Sue and Belle Bennett, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. Wiley, and others. Miss Belle Bennett followed with a history of the "troubles in legislative matters" that had worked out for good to our cause and brought about the organic union of the two missionary societies.

Thursday evening Dr. Katherine French, Dean of Sue Bennett Memorial School, in discussing "Some Physical and Psychological Factors of the Mountain Youth," showed that the pupils of the mountain schools come mostly from the large third class of American citizens, the countrymen who till the soil, but who also voté. In the movements of the tide of immigration of colonists and of expansion such families had been pushed back and back into remote, isolated sections and there had preserved pure Anglo-Saxon blood, a taste for such good literature as the Bible, Milton, Shakespeare, and the ballad books, and a hatred for the shoddy or artificial. These youths are now asking for a chance to catch up with their cousins of the valleys, and they present a definite appeal to the Church.

Miss Mabel Howell followed with a discussion of "A Child's Program of Rights," as presented by leading social workers of to-day—the right to be properly born; to live in a home, not an institution; to training for life's task and the removal of physical obstacles that make it impossible for the child to avail itself of an education, and the right to freedom from work while securing that education.

And Dr. Mary Stone! Who can describe the winning fascination of face and manner or the inspiration of her earnest plea for the medical work in her own country? She is a native of China, from a Christian home of the second generation, the product of a mission school, a graduate of Ann Arbor University, Michigan, and a physician of nineteen years' practice in China; yet she looked as youthful and fresh as a young girl. On Friday evening she held spellbound a vast audience, many of whom were students, as she described present conditions in the homes of China, modestly referring to her own hospital work, but giving God his due, as she naïvely remarked: "It is a lot to the Lord's credit that he does help us missionaries out." Her appeal to Christian America to help bleeding China by stopping the liquor trade and by sending medical missionaries was stirring; while her response to a presentation of beautiful white roses by the W. C. T. U. of Georgia was like an after-dinner toast in beauty, grace, and wit.

It was a satisfying pleasure to have Dr. S. D. Gordon with us again for the noon devotional services. His theme was "Prayer,

the Pivot, and Obedience to the Holy Spirit's Guidance." From these quiet hours apart with Christ we came refreshed.

The Sunday in Atlanta could not be surpassed in outer beauty or inner uplift. It began with the morning watch, led by Dr. Gordon, who gave a lesson from Philipians, "Paul's Prison Psalm."

Bishop Candler preached the Council sermon at First Church on "The Unity of All Believers," based on the matchless intercessory prayer of Christ. Only a personal experience of the indwelling Christ can send missionaries to the field, and only this can keep them there. We should live a type of religion in our American Churches that is worthy of propagation and then send it out by those who are firm in the great fundamental doctrines.

The children's service in the afternoon at Wesley Memorial Church took the form of a pageant, "Children's Voices." The whole beautiful program was so strong and impressive that it will surely tell in the after lives of the children present. To Mrs. Wamble, Second Vice President of the North Georgia Conference, was due its success. The young people's service at First Church afforded the opportunity to present "An Investment of a Life" from the lips of officers and missionaries.

Sunday evening Dr. C. R. Watson, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the United Presbyterian Board of Missions, spoke on "The Present-Day Challenge to World Evangelization" with the force and emphasis of personal knowledge of the facts and a conviction that carried his audience with him. He said, in part: "A proper conception of history justifies the belief that this age is the greatest of all. A decade now is as a century in development." Through a study of present-day developments and new ideals, especially in China and the Moslem world, he showed the challenge to the program of world evangelization. If the soldier's spirit of devotion and new standards of service could be claimed for God's program, we could finish the task; but that hinges on the consciousness of our personal allegiance and love to Jesus Christ.

Monday evening the delegates to the Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, recently held in Panama, gave seven-minute reports of the spirit of the Congress and of the proceed-

ings and findings of the Commission whose study and investigations had brought together the best facts that could be found on Latin America.

Wednesday evening the church was crowded for the service which shows the keystone of the Council's structure—the equipment and consecration of young lives to special service for the Master. As the notes of the majestic processional hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal!" sounded out, those who had chosen to follow their King marched down the aisles, the deaconesses in black uniform and the foreign missionaries in white. The devotional exercises, led by Miss Gibson, under whom most of the candidates had studied, closed with a prayer for full satisfaction in Jesus Christ for all the needs of the service to which they were going. The young women, with a note of joy and victory, told of the sequence of experiences by which they came to this glad hour of consecration. The call of the women in non-Christian lands was the call to service in many cases, and the glorious theme, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," was the platform of assurance. Bishop McCoy's address was one of inspiration and an appeal to the heroic and womanly in answering the world call of need. In the hush of reverence and awe the words of the Bishop in the charge to and consecration of these twelve finely equipped young women rang out, and, rising and facing the audience, they burst into that old hymn of consecration and victory,

"O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end."

The congregation voiced its emotions and sympathy by responding with the hymn,

"Go, ye messengers of God!
Like the beams of morning fly.
.....
Preach the cross of Christ to all;
Jesus' love is full and free!"

The routine business was finished by four o'clock Thursday. Thus the first year of organic union, as it closed, showed that it had met its test and proved itself successful and left us all in possession of a greater inheritance of faith, courage, and hope to accomplish greater results in works, prayer, and vision.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened for its sixth annual session at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, April 13, 1916, in the auditorium of the historic Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Hymn 208, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung, prayer was offered by Dr. A. M. Hughlett, and music was rendered by the Divinity School quartet preparatory to the communion service, which was conducted by Dr. Hughlett, assisted by the city pastors.

Following this hallowed and impressive service, the Council hymn, No. 409, "Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might," was sung while the officers took their places upon the platform.

The President introduced Gov. N. E. Harris, who brought greetings to the Council and spoke in commendation of woman's work and the power and influence of women.

Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, President of the North Georgia Conference, welcomed the Council in behalf of the loyal and devoted workers of her Conference.

To these greetings the President made gracious response.

On the nomination of the Secretary, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Miss Mabel Howell, and Mrs. P. L. Cobb were made Assistant Secretaries for the session.

The roll was called by Miss Howell, Enrollment Clerk, to which eighteen officers and managers, sixty-four Conference members, one honorary life member, and two honorary members responded, making a voting body of eighty, as follows:

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President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

First Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs.

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Administrative Secretary (Home), Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.
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MANAGERS.

Miss Belle H. Bennett,	Miss M. L. Gibson,
Mrs. L. P. Smith,	Mrs. L. G. Johnson,
Mrs. E. B. Chappell,	Mrs. Lee Britt,
Miss Daisy Davies,	Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

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Holston	Mrs. P. L. Cobb	Mrs. W. B. Sullins.
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Pacific	Mrs. W. E. Vaughan.
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S. Carolina	Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood.
S. Georgia	Mrs. G. W. Matthews.. Mrs. E. P. Peabody.
S. W. Missouri.	Mrs. George P. Gross... Mrs. W. T. McClure.
Tennessee	Mrs. A. B. Smith..... Mrs. Walter Jones.
Texas	Mrs. O. L. McKnight.. Mrs. J. Walter Mills.
U. S. Carolina.	Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse. Mrs. J. W. Kilgo (Alternate).
Virginia	Mrs. Lee Britt..... Miss Ruth Blanks.
W. Oklahoma..	Mrs. R. M. Campbell.. Mrs. C. S. Bobo.
W. Texas	Mrs. J. T. Curry..... Mrs. T. A. Brown.
W. N. Carolina.	Mrs. L. H. Robertson.. Mrs. H. A. Dunham.
W. Virginia...	Mrs. G. R. Armstrong. Mrs. G. W. Atkinson.

The following pages for the day were introduced: Misses Peacock, Hill, Evans, Fugazzi, Hammond, and Bormore.

The following telegrams of invitation were read by Mrs. Rollins:

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.

Woman's Missionary Council, care Mrs. F. S. Parker, M. E. Church, South, Atlanta, Ga.

The Charleston District, St. Louis Conference, sends greetings and urges the Council meeting in St. Louis in 1917.

MRS. R. J. WRIGHT, *District Secretary.*

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.

Woman's Missionary Council, care Mrs. F. S. Parker, M. E. Church, South, Atlanta, Ga.

The St. Louis Conference Young People want the 1917 Council meeting in St. Louis. Please come.

MRS. J. C. HANDY, *First Vice President.*

A beautiful basket of sweet peas from the Women's Federated Clubs of Atlanta was presented, being acknowledged by the President in appreciative terms.

Mrs. Charles Haden, Chairman General of the local committees, was introduced to the body.

The President read her annual message calling for an advance along all lines. (See message, page 57.)

The following condensed report of the *ad interim* meetings of the Executive Committee were read by the Recording Secretary :

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

May 12-14, 1915.

These meetings were held at hours between the sessions of the annual meetings of the Board of Missions.

1. The Secretary of Home Work was authorized to adjust matters relating to the condition and use of the Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Grounds, Biloxi, Miss., and, if possible, to rent the house for the following summer.

2. Upon motion, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Principal of Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., was granted a year's leave of absence with salary, and the Committee on Educational Institutions was authorized to employ a substitute.

3. In regard to a bulletin to be issued by Paine College, touching cooperation between the white people and the negroes, the Home Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Hammond of the lively interest felt by the women in all this work so dear to her and to the Council, but that the Committee could not obligate itself to finance other periodicals than those authorized by the Council. And, in regard to Mrs. Hammond's plan for carrying forward the work among the negroes, that the question had been duly considered, but that the Council had gone to the limit of the basis of appropriation and had gone as far as possible in the extension of the negro work.

4. The Committee confirmed the appointment of Miss Glenn, Dr. Tucker, and Miss Kennedy as a committee to present the question of the sale of the Juiz de Fora property, ordered the year before, to the Legal Conference.

5. The Secretary of Foreign Work was instructed to send a copy of the letter received from certain Chinese gentlemen touching the strike at McTyeire School to Miss Richardson, and to write the Chinese gentlemen that the Committee was gratified to learn that adjustments had been made and that most of the pupils had returned to the school.

6. Mesdames Ross and MacDonell were appointed to represent the

Council at the dedication service of the new building at Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C. And these representatives, with the Principal of the Institute, were appointed a committee to arrange a program for the occasion. The Principal was given authority to rent chairs for the service.

7. Because of the illness of the Superintendent of Social Service, the Secretaries in the offices at Nashville were instructed to take charge of her work for at least a quarter.

8. On motion, Miss Haskin was allowed to defer her editorship of the *Young Christian Worker* until the preparation of the September issue, and Miss Barnes was authorized to edit the July and August issues on the basis of her former salary.

9. On motion, Miss Haskin was given permission to change the size and shape of the *Young Christian Worker*. And, at her request, she was granted a committee of four, including the First and Second Vice Presidents, to assist in outlining the policy of the paper and to launch a campaign for subscribers.

10. Miss Haskin was granted \$150 for office expenses, this amount, as far as possible, to be paid from the balance in the bank to the credit of the paper.

11. The officers and managers were requested to cooperate with the Conference officers in the campaign for organizing in unoccupied territory.

12. The following resolution was read and unanimously passed:

"Whereas the experiment of having the *Missionary Voice* edited by the Secretaries of the Board of Missions, begun a year ago by the direction of the General Secretary, has placed additional duties on the already heavily taxed women Secretaries, because upon them most of the burden has fallen; and whereas the reorganization of the woman's work incident to the adoption of organic union requires their full service in order to secure needed upbuilding and extension, and the projected campaign will add to their labors; and whereas, since the session of the Woman's Missionary Council at Little Rock, the Superintendent of Social Service has given way physically under the strain of her official duties, which have been heavy, and, under the direction of her physician, it has been necessary to relieve her of all responsibility for several months, in consequence of which her work has been cheerfully assumed by the women Secretaries until October—in view of these facts, we, as members of the Executive Committee, feel it incumbent upon us to provide some method of relief, especially since the Secretary of Foreign Work may go to the Orient in the spring, in which event the burden of the others will be increased—therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council employ a woman editor of the *Missionary Voice*, who shall serve jointly with the present acting editor until the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council."

13. On motion, Mrs. E. B. Chappell was elected editor of the *Mis-*

sionary Voice until the next meeting of the Council, with a salary of \$50 a month.

July 2, 1915.

1. The Committee approved the action of the Secretary of Foreign Work in writing Mr. W. C. Cram to sell a small corner beyond the Mary Helm compound, Songdo, Korea, for 700 yen and thereby straighten the line, if the new dormitory could then be erected without further cost to the Council.

2. The Administrative Secretary of Home Work was authorized to instruct Mr. Mohn to offer Mr. Kelly, owner of a corner lot adjoining the Ruth Hargrove property, Key West, Fla., \$3,500 cash for the lot, and to take this amount from the Week of Prayer offering for 1913, which was collected for the Ruth Hargrove School.

3. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the City Mission Board of Meridian, Miss., \$200 to cover obligations made by them before the new policy of the Council in regard to the Conference half of dues had been made clear to them.

4. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase an adding machine.

July 7, 1915.

1. The resignation of Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith as physician at the Virginia K. Johnson School was read and regretfully accepted, and the Committee expressed appreciation of the work of Dr. Smith.

2. The following resolution was passed:

"Whereas there should be uniformity in the quality of the furnishings of schools, homes, and other home mission buildings;

"Resolved: (a) That all furniture purchased with missionary money shall be neat, plain, and substantial, without upholstering.

"(b) That to all local committees for building and furnishing, two or more members of the Council shall be added."

3. Mesdames Ross and MacDonell were appointed to represent the Council as members of the committee to purchase furniture for the new building at Brevard, N. C.

4. The Secretary of Foreign Work was instructed to advise Miss Laura Wright to accept the position in the Girls' Industrial School (colored) and to tell her that the Council agrees to send her \$7 per quarter. The Secretary was further instructed to advise her that, when she is no longer able to work, in recognition of her service in Mexico, the Council will consider the question of a retirement pension.

5. The Secretary of Foreign Work was authorized to instruct Miss Glenn to rent a house in a less expensive section of Rio, to make her home there, and, if possible, provide a home for the Central Institute workers and to store the school furniture as economically as possible.

It was also agreed that the Council should care for the parochial schools in Rio, now under its care, but should not increase the number.

6. Instructions were ordered sent to the committee in charge of the

sale of the Mineiro property, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, to rent for another year, if, because of present business conditions, a sale would mean financial loss.

7. Instructions were ordered sent to Prof. J. C. Lewis to remain at Sue Bennett School until the acting principal and dean could take possession August 1.

8. Permission was granted Miss Lelia F. Epps, Bello Horizonte, Brazil, to return home four and one-half months before her furlough became due in order to attend the Congress of Christian Missions at Panama, February, 1916. The trip to Panama should be made at her own expense.

9. The Committee approved the action of Miss Leveritt in employing Miss Hudson at Changchow, China, at \$30 (Mexican) a month, provided the secretaries on the field indorsed the action.

10. The motion was carried that Miss Lowder's home salary should begin in June, when she commenced her work at Johns Hopkins, preparatory to going to Korea in the autumn.

11. Because of confusion in regard to the support of the Wesley House, Meridian, Miss., and the raising of the Conference pledge, resolutions were passed instructing the Secretary of Home Work to write to the Mississippi Conference that the Executive Committee feels sure that it is doing its best to work out its pledge in full, and at the end of the year, whatever the report, will feel that the auxiliaries of Meridian have tried to do their best for the whole work.

July 23, 1915.

1. The following resolutions, subject to approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, were approved:

"Whereas the Wesley House is an institution primarily intended for the social and moral uplift of the community in which it is established; and whereas the health of the community is an essential consideration to which district nursing and clinic work have become active features—therefore be it

Resolved, That the following be adopted as the policy of the Woman's Missionary Council for its medical work:

"(a) That the clinic be a part of every Wesley House activity, provided the neighborhood is large enough and the number of sick sufficient to justify the outlay of funds and service and it is the desire of the City Board to maintain such a feature of work.

"(b) That the clinic may be maintained in connection with the Wesley House exactly as the outpatient of a city hospital is maintained. Sick persons may be seen, advised, and prescribed for in the room set aside for the clinic work. All cases that require operations involving anæsthesia or requiring the constant attendance of a nurse should be referred to the institutions or places prepared for the maintenance or the care of such cases."

2. Resolutions touching the death of Mrs. F. A. Lyons, of New Orleans, La., who for so long was closely associated with the Home Mission Board, were passed.

3. Mesdames Chappell and Lipscomb were added to the committee previously appointed to assist in directing the policy of the *Young Christian Worker*.

4. Miss Head was appointed to represent the Council on the Commission to consider a Union Bible School in Japan.

5. The Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work was authorized to let Quinta Tosca to the Cuban pastor and to arrange for the rent to be placed on necessary repairs.

6. The Foreign Secretary was instructed to offer Mrs. Lew, who had completed her studies at Columbia and was about to return to China to take up her work at Soochow, \$400, with an increase to \$500 the second year if she gives satisfaction.

August 12, 1915.

1. After thoroughly reviewing the history of the case, it was deemed expedient to concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions; that the City Mission Board of Atlanta be allowed to continue its clinic as has obtained in the past, provided operations be limited to repair work, circumcision, adenoids, and removal of tonsils, and those which do not involve vital organs or necessitate prolonged unconsciousness from anæsthesia. This action to hold until the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council in Atlanta, April, 1916. The Home Secretary was instructed to present this action, with the reasons for the same, to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, and to communicate it to the City Board of Atlanta as the ruling under which it may work until such time as the Executive Committee of the Board could act.

2. The Home Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mrs. Bowers and Miss Crim in regard to the work at Ensley, Ala., that denominational coöperation is most worth while to meet the large opportunities, but such coöperation demands well-wrought plans which cannot be hastily drawn up; and that they continue to work under the present policy until the next Council meeting, at which time a memorial for the union of Protestant denominations may be submitted.

September 30, 1915.

The plan for the workers' home in Changchow, China, was approved, with a few minor changes; provided the cook's room, coal house, and cistern could be included in the \$2,000 from the Humbert estate, which appropriation was made at the last meeting of the Council. And the action was carried requesting the General Board to approve the placing of this house on the property as shown in the diagram and to fix a price for said property.

October 5, 6, 1915.

1. A motion was carried that traveling expenses to the annual meetings of the Conferences be allowed the editor of the *Young Christian Worker*.

2. On motion, it was agreed that desks and space should be allowed the editors of the *Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. Resolutions were passed instructing the agent of the *Young Christian Worker* to submit a financial report to the editor each month.

4. The following was passed:

"It is the sense of the Executive Committee that a new settlement should not be opened at Macon, Ga., at this time."

5. The Secretary of Foreign Work was instructed to send Miss Hattie Carson \$50 for her expense in returning to Cuba, and at the same time to advise her that she will not be continued on the missionary pay list.

6. The Foreign Secretary was instructed to increase the appropriation to Porto Alegre, Brazil, \$750.

7. Instructions were ordered sent to Miss Howell to return to Brazil the last of 1916, thereby allowing six months for study, in addition to her regular furlough.

8. A motion was carried that the home of the Misses Tucker at Junaluska, N. C., be bought for a missionary and deaconess home; that the first payment of \$1,000 be made from the two departments; and that notes be made for the balance, these notes to be paid as rapidly as possible.

Mid-Year Meeting.

November 29 to December 3, 1915.

1. At this meeting all members were present except the Superintendent of Social Service, who was detained at home by illness. Reports were made by all of the officers, and plans were made for the annual meeting.

2. A detailed report of the calamity that had recently befallen the Scarritt Bible and Training School through the defalcation of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the institution was made by Miss Head as a member of the Board of Managers and by Miss Gibson as Secretary of that body, and a letter setting forth the financial embarrassment at the Scarritt Bible and Training School was prepared for publication.

3. The following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the present financial condition of the Scarritt Bible and Training School Endowment Fund clearly shows the advisability of the readjustment of the management of the finances of the school; be it

Resolved, That a committee of five, with the President of the Woman's Missionary Council as Chairman, be appointed to shape a policy for the future direction and administration of all the funds of the school, said policy to be acted upon by the Council in annual session."

4. The resignation of Mrs. F. F. Stephens as Vice President in charge of young people's work was read and regretfully accepted.

5. Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, who had preceded Mrs. Stephens in this office, was then unanimously elected First Vice President.

6. The following recommendations were adopted:

"(a) There shall be a trained Bible teacher appointed by the Council to every home mission school. This action was referred to the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions.

"(b) That the Committee indorse the application of the De Land (Fla.) School of Missions for affiliation with the Council of Women for Home Missions.

"(c) That Mrs. L. P. Smith and Mrs. J. W. Downs be named as representatives of the Woman's Missionary Council in the Texas School of Missions, at Denton, Tex.; Mrs. S. T. King and Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, in the Oklahoma School; and Mrs. E. B. Moore and Miss Elizabeth McMillan, in the Los Angeles School.

"(d) That the following be named for membership in the Council of Women for Home Missions: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, and Mrs. Lee Britt."

7. The following recommendation was adopted and referred to the Committee on Candidates:

"No application for appointment as full missionary from a worker already in the field shall be accepted until she has served satisfactorily in that field for at least three years and can present the recommendation of our mission."

8. On motion, it was agreed that Miss Elizabeth Avery Love, who has been teaching in the Laura Haygood Memorial for the past year, should be accepted as a missionary teacher by the Woman's Missionary Council.

9. A motion was carried that, because of financial fluctuations and the high cost of living in Mexico, the request of Professor Olivares for a fifty-per-cent increase in the salaries of Mexican teachers at Saltillo be granted, and that the Secretary of Foreign Work be instructed to grant like requests that may come from Durango and San Luis Potosi.

10. It was also carried that one hundred and fifty dollars for expenses be allowed for each young woman appointed to Japan, now at the Language School in Tokyo, and whatever amount may be necessary for the representative now in the Language School at Nanking, China.

11. A motion was carried that the expense of the editor of the *Voice* be paid to the Panama Conference.

12. The following order of business for mid-year sessions was approved:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of *ad interim* minutes.
2. Appointment of committees.
3. Reports:

Administrative Secretaries, Home and Foreign.
 Treasurer.
 Educational Secretary.
 Home Base Secretary.
 First Vice President.
 Second Vice President.
 Superintendent of Social Service.
 Superintendent of Supplies.
 Editor of the *Voice*.
 Editor of the *Young Christian Worker*.
 Unfinished business.
 New business.

13. A motion was carried that the Woman's Missionary Council send no representatives to the regional conferences which were to succeed the Congress on Christian Work at Panama.

14. A motion was carried that the Council bear the expenses of Miss Gibson to the meeting of the Board of Missionary Preparation, to be held in New York December 5-7, 1915.

15. The Committee approved the arrangement for Quinta Tosca for the ensuing year, made by Miss Head while in Cuba.

16. Miss Bennett, Mrs. Ross, and Miss Head were appointed delegates to the Foreign Missionary Conference of North America, to be held in New York City in January, 1916.

17. Miss Mary N. Moore was appointed as Miss Bennett's alternate to the meeting of the Board of Missionary Preparation.

18. The arrangements for a third Wesley House in Macon, Ga., was left in the hands of the Secretary of Home Work.

19. The Home Secretary was authorized to change the name of the Homer Toberman Clinic to the Homer Toberman Wesley House.

20. A resolution was passed that all moneys raised through the missionary societies for the Scarritt Bible and Training School be retained in the general treasury until such time as the future financial policy is determined.

21. The following resolution was then passed:

"Whereas the administration of the Scarritt Bible and Training School has heretofore been delegated to a Board of Managers with plenary power; and whereas that form of administration has so separated the institutions from the Woman's Missionary Council that the Council is not as closely related to the business management as seems necessary in view of the amount of money raised through the missionary societies—therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council requests the Board of Managers to take no steps toward reorganizing under a new charter or delegating its powers to trustees until after the next annual meeting of the Council and of the Board of Missions."

22. On motion, it was ordered that the *Bulletin* be enlarged to a

four-page sheet and that methods of work and auxiliary program material be printed therein.

23. It was moved and carried that the *Young Christian Worker* be kept in its present form.

24. It was ordered that some practical substitution be made for Miss Haskin's work at Fisk University, in order that she might visit the Conferences, and that the necessary expense involved be taken from the bank balance of the *Young Christian Worker*.

25. The Standing Committee on Literature was authorized to secure an editor for the catechism for the Children's Department, granted by the Council two years ago, and to finance the same.

26. A motion was carried that, since we do not make large use of the periodical *Everyland*, and it is of small value to our constituency, we protest to the Council of Women for Home Missions against the continuation of the annual tax for the deficit of the paper.

27. On motion, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson was made Calendar Clerk for the annual meeting.

28. Mrs. E. B. Chappell and Miss Estelle Haskin were appointed Associate Editors of the *Council Daily*.

29. On motion, an appropriation of \$75 was made for the Domestic Science Department at Matanzas, Cuba.

30. A request having come from the Epworth League Board for a committee from the Council to meet with similar committees from the Sunday School and Epworth League Boards to consider plans for the correlation of the work of the children and young people of the Church, the Executive Committee considered it best to abide by the decision of the Council to make no changes in the present plan of work and to wait until the annual meeting of the Council to appoint the committee. A letter to this effect was sent to the Epworth League Board.

31. The subject of annuities was discussed; and it was decided that, until a new plan is adopted, the old plan, as recorded in the home mission records, should be followed.

32. The Administrative Secretary of Home Work was authorized to dispose of the Homer Toberman property in Los Angeles for not less than \$2,500.

33. The Home Secretary was also instructed to sell the Tucker property in North Nashville for not less than \$3,000.

34. It was ordered that a night letter be sent to the Conference members of the Council on the subject of making up the deficit of the pledge at once, and that a letter of the same kind be sent to the District Secretaries.

35. Mrs. Lee Britt and Mrs. J. N. McEachern were appointed to lead the Workers' Conference at the Annual Meeting.

36. It was moved and carried that the Workers' Conference shall from year to year select the leader for the coming year.

37. It was ordered that invitations to the Annual Meeting be sent

to the Presidents of the Woman's Foreign Mission and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

38. A resolution was passed that Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cason be requested to serve as an advisory committee for the Council to the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, at Dallas, Tex.

39. A motion was carried that the Executive Committee request the hostesses in Atlanta to refrain from elaborate musical programs at the evening services.

40. Friday, March 31, was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the Annual Meeting.

January 24, 1916.

1. The Home Secretary reported the death of the oldest city missionary, Mrs. Lily Meekin, so long at Tchoupitoulas Mission, New Orleans, La. A tribute of appreciation of this faithful worker was spread upon the minutes.

2. After reviewing the correspondence that passed between the Home Secretary and Miss Loulie Stratton, the following resolutions were passed:

"(1) That the Council pay to Miss Stratton the moneys, plus the interest, which she expended in the effort to be strong enough to go to Sue Bennett School.

"(2) That her failure to accept either of two positions offered her canceled all other obligations of the Woman's Missionary Council."

3. A motion was carried that Miss Mamie Fenley, Bello Horizonte, Brazil, be granted home salary for six months; and if at the end of that time she wishes to remain in the service of the Council, the additional six months of furlough with home salary be granted.

4. A motion was carried that, in view of the fact that Miss Norwood Wynn is doing a manifestly necessary work in this country among the Mexicans of Texas, and doing it successfully, and as her health seems so much better in this country than in Mexico, the Council deems it unwise to lift her from her work here to place her in more unfavorable conditions.

5. On motion, Miss Cronstine's salary was increased \$100 for the year 1916.

6. It was moved and carried that Miss Richardson be authorized to place the McTyeire property, Shanghai, China, on sale for not less than \$250,000, with the understanding that the school remain there until new property can be secured. It was further recommended that Miss Richardson continue her efforts to get the Chinese to give the new site for the school.

7. On motion, Miss Roberts was added to the list of delegates to the Congress on Christian Work, with expenses paid.

8. The Secretary of Foreign Work was authorized to substitute the names of any members of the Council or Conference officers who ex-

pected to attend the Congress on Christian Work at their own expense in the place of duly elected delegates who were unable to go.

9. Miss Head was elected as trustee of the Ginling Union College for Women, at Nanking, China.

March 17, 1916.

The Secretary of Foreign Work was authorized to write Miss Mary Culler White of the willingness of the Executive Committee to lend her to the faculty of the Union Bible School, at Nanking, China, during the summer vacation, pending the time of permanent appointments to the faculty by the other Boards interested in the school.

March 30, 1916.

1. The Administrative Secretary of Home Work was instructed, not to spend more money on the repairs of the Homer Toberman property, Los Angeles, Cal., in view of making it more desirable as rental property.

2. A committee was appointed to consult with Miss Gibson concerning a history of the Scarritt Bible and Training School written by her and to have it published; also to publish a short leaflet on the history of Scarritt in time for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The following letter and telegrams of invitation were read by Mrs. Rollins:

ST. LOUIS, March 28, 1916.

Woman's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, Atlanta, Ga.

My Dear Sisters: St. John's M. E. Church, South, St. Louis, extends to you a most cordial invitation to hold your session there in 1917. We shall be glad to have you and will do all in our power to make you comfortable and to facilitate your work. Hoping you will accept our invitation, I am yours sincerely,

JOHN A. RICE, *Pastor.*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 10, 1916.

Mrs. E. B. Watson, care Majestic Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

On behalf of the State of Missouri I extend an urgent and sincere invitation to the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to hold its next meeting in the city of St. Louis.

ELLIOTT MAJOR, *Governor.*

The Rules of Order and the Order of Business were read by the Calendar Clerk.

The following committees for the annual session were announced by Mrs. Rollins:

Committee on Foreign Work and Candidates.—Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. T. B. Henderson, Mrs. G. W. Matthews, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. J.

E. Grubbs, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins.

Committee on Educational Institutions.—Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, Mrs. T. B. Holland, Mrs. Abel Bliss, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. George P. Gross, Mrs. W. E. Mackey, Mrs. R. N. Phipps, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. W. T. McClure, Mrs. Walter Jones, Miss E. V. Peppler, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Mrs. G. A. Hanson, Mrs. George C. Cocke, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse, Mrs. W. E. Vaughan.

Committee on Home Base.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. C. B. Petrie, Mrs. D. G. Henderson, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. Alexander Greet, Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. C. S. Bobo, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. T. B. King, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross.

Committee on Young People's Work.—Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. J. W. Conger, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. J. E. Fowler, Mrs. J. B. Price, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. C. B. Watson, Mrs. G. W. Atkinson, Mrs. J. W. Hawley, Mrs. D. M. Hutton.

Committee on Children's Work.—Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Miss Ruth Blanks, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Mrs. J. S. Fulton, Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, Mrs. J. T. Curry, Mrs. C. F. Elze.

Committee on Literature.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. G. R. Armstrong, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. W. L. Reed, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. J. W. Kilgo.

Committee on Social Service.—Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. E. Prentice Peabody, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Louise Dunstan, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. O. L. McKnight.

Committee on By-Laws.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker.

Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.

Committee on Introductions.—Mrs. Charles J. Haden, Mrs. J. W. Young, Mrs. W. A. Albright.

Committee on Press.—Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Miss Estelle Haskin.

Committee on Laws.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. B. Sulins, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. R. B. John.

Committee on Courtesies.—Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. C. F. Elze.

Committee to Nominate Members to Fill Vacancies in Standing Committees.—Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. W. T. McClure, Miss M. L. Gibson, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. R. B. John.

Committee on Promotion of Prayer.—Mrs. G. W. Matthews, Miss May Ora Durham, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

A memorial was presented from the President and Administrative Secretaries and referred to the proper committee.

Miss Head, Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work, made her report. (See report, page 68.)

After earnest prayer especially for the workers in remote places, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer, made her report. (See report, page 108.)

The time having come for the close of the morning session, announcements were made and, with the singing of "Break Thou the Bread of Life," the hour for the noon devotion was ushered in. In the absence of Dr. S. D. Gordon, this service was led by Miss Bennett. Reading from Job xxii., beginning with the twenty-first verse, she drew lessons of the joy in acquaintance with God and the necessity for removing every obstacle that may lie between the individual and his God. The message was closed with prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Young.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

With the afternoon session the Council returned to the First Methodist Church, from which it had moved in the morning to make way for the funeral service of an honored and beloved

member of the congregation. This session opened with a devotional service led by Miss Bessie Allen, Head Resident of the Wesley House at Nashville, Tenn.

After the singing of Hymn 410, "Faith of Our Fathers," and prayer, led by Miss Howell, Scripture passages from the Psalms and Micah and from the Gospels of Matthew and John were read and helpful lessons drawn of the promise of the Father's presence.

After prayer, "The Promise of the Constancy of God's Love" was given in song by Mrs. Cunyers.

The roll was called and the bar fixed.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A resolution, signed by forty-six members of the body, was offered by Mrs. Lee Britt, requesting that at the close of Mrs. MacDonell's report Mrs. Frank Siler be permitted to finish reading her paper on "The Beginning of Home Mission Work," which had been interrupted the previous evening. This was unanimously carried.

On motion, Deaconess May Ora Durham was made agent for the *Council Daily*.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Administrative Secretary of Home Work, made the report of the work of her department, which was placed on record. (See report, page 87.)

Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Educational Secretary, made her report, which was placed on record. The recommendations were sent to the proper committees. (See report, page 120.)

Dr. J. M. Moore was introduced and spoke briefly of what is being accomplished by the Council, of the coöperation of the men and women, and of the privileged position of the women who participate in this great work.

Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, was presented and spoke happily of coöperation in the work among men and women in the foreign and home fields and emphasized the source of all power.

Mrs. E. N. Brogden, Superintendent of Publicity of the North Georgia Conference, was introduced.

On motion, the time was extended in order that the reports on the program for this first day might be completed.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb made her report for the year as Home

Base Secretary. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 125.)

Letters of invitation to the Council to hold its next meeting in St. Louis were read from J. M. Fristoe, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, St. John's Church; Dr. J. W. Lee, presiding elder of the St. Louis District; and Mrs. Byrd E. Wagner, President of St. John's Auxiliary.

Because of the lateness of the hour, the memorial service, which had been set for Thursday afternoon, was, upon motion, made the order of the day immediately following the reading of the minutes Friday morning.

A motion to adjourn was carried, and the afternoon session was dismissed with the doxology and the Lord's Prayer.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Council met for its second day's session at nine o'clock Friday morning, April 13.

The devotional service, led by Miss Bertha Smith, Wonsan, Korea, consisted of Hymn 350, "O Jesus, Thou Hast Promised," Scripture lessons from John xvi. emphasizing the thought of God's guidance, and prayer. This was followed by a message in song, "Teach Me," sung by Mrs. Cunyers.

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were read.

On motion, the action making the memorial service the order of the day immediately following the reading of the minutes was reconsidered.

The minutes were then approved.

On motion, this memorial service was set for the noon devotional hour.

The following pages for the day were introduced: Mrs. F. N. Parker, Mrs. Len Baldwin, Mrs. John Turner, Miss Walker, and Miss Anne Shelton.

The following memorials were presented: From the St. Louis Conference, touching an educational building at Arcadia, Mo., referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions; from the St. Louis Conference, concerning City Mission Board representation, sent to the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work; from the North Georgia Conference, concerning report blanks, referred to the Committee on Home Base.

The report of the young people's work was made jointly by Mrs. F. F. Stephens, retiring officer, and Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, the new First Vice President.

On motion, this report was accepted. (See report, page 61.)

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, was introduced and spoke especially of the missionary efforts of the men.

Mrs. W. A. Albright, First Vice President, in a happy vein made a report of the year's work in her department.

On motion, this report was accepted and the recommendations sent to the proper committees. (See report, page 64.)

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, presented a report of the work in her department, which was accepted. (See report, page 136.)

The report of the Department of Social Service was made by the Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, and received. (See report, page 130.)

Messages urging the Council to accept the invitations from St. Louis for the next meeting were read by Mrs. Rollins from Mrs. S. L. French, President of the City Mission Board; Mrs. J. P. Brandon, Secretary of the Dexter District, St. Louis Conference; Hon. Henry W. Kiel, Mayor of St. Louis; and Mrs. C. G. Schmalhorst, Second Vice President of the St. Louis Conference.

Mrs. S. S. Harris, Field Secretary, made her report, which was accepted. (See report, page 138.)

Dr. W. C. Lovett, editor, and Dr. R. F. Eakes, assistant editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*, were introduced to the body.

Mrs. E. B. Chappell, editor of the *Missionary Voice*, made her report, gladdening the hearts of all by calling attention to a decreasing deficit in the finances of the paper.

On motion, the report was received and the recommendations sent to the proper committees. (See report, page 139.)

The report of the *Young Christian Worker* was made by Miss Estelle Haskin, Secretary.

On motion, the report was accepted. (See report, page 141.)

The twenty-fifth report of the Board of Managers of the

Scarritt Bible and Training School was presented by Miss M. L. Gibson, Principal of the institution. (See report, page 142.) Miss Gibson also read Miss Billingsley's financial report. (See report, page 142.)

On motion, the order of business was suspended in order that printed reports, which it was unnecessary to read, might be placed on the calendar.

The estimates for foreign work and the estimates and appropriations for home work were then placed on the calendar.

The following persons were introduced: Mrs. Simon Peter Richardson, Mrs. E. P. Chamberlin, Mrs. James W. Lee, of St. Louis, Dr. A. M. Hughlett, Dr. J. E. Dickey, Dr. G. W. Yarbrough, Dr. J. J. Hall, Dr. Luke G. Johnson, Dr. F. W. Glenn, Dr. Dixon, Richmond, Va., Dr. Baldwin, pastor of Epworth Church, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Christian Duval, Dr. L. W. Rivers, Dr. J. O. Brand, Dr. Whether, Dr. Frank Quillian, Dr. C. C. Cary, Dr. Speck, Dr. Henry Pace, Dr. Furley Baune, Dr. C. C. Jarrell, North Georgia Commissioner for Emory University, Dr. J. W. Quillian, Mrs. S. J. Heath, President of the City Mission Board.

At twelve o'clock the business of the morning was set aside and a memorial service for the two workers, Mrs. Lily Meekin and Mrs. Emelina Valdes Fernandez, who since the last Council meeting had entered into the "life more abundant," was led by Mrs. L. P. Smith. Through this service ran the triumphant song of the victory of faith over death.

The first four verses of John xiv. and the picture of the New Jerusalem from Revelation xxi. were read by Mrs. Smith. Dr. Luke G. Johnson led in prayer, and Mrs. W. F. Barnum sang "Jerusalem the Golden." This was followed by the reading of the hymn, "O the Hour When This Material Shall Have Vanished as a Cloud!" by Mrs. W. T. McClure.

Mrs. A. P. Holt paid a tribute to Mrs. Meekin, for twenty years at the Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans, La., the oldest city missionary in the service of the Council; and Mrs. Smith read an appreciation of Mrs. Meekin, written by Miss Wilson.

Mrs. G. A. Hanson offered a tribute to Mrs. Fernandez, a native of Cuba, who labored effectively in the Boys' School of West Tampa, where her influence will long be felt.

To these Mrs. MacDonell added her testimony to the zeal and fidelity of Mrs. Meekin and Mrs. Fernandez, and the service closed with Hymn No. 611, "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above."

Mr. Asa Candler, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Emory University, was introduced and invited the Council, as his guests, to visit the new University campus.

This invitation was gratefully accepted for 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The morning session was then dismissed with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at 2:15 o'clock with devotional service conducted by Deaconess Cora Borchers. Hymn No. 412, "O Happy Day!" was sung, passages of Scripture from Isaiah xli. 10-13, xxvi. 4, Psalm xxvii. 4, Isaiah xl. 1, 31 were read, developing a lesson of God's "promise of strength," and prayer was offered by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A memorial was then presented by Mrs. F. F. Stephens from three persons, touching the printing of reports in the Annual Reports, and referred to a special committee.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Mabel Howell, Secretary of the Committee.

On motion, this report, which required no action, was received and placed on record. (See report, page 149.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Howell and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Literature was read by the Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, and placed on record. (See report, page 177.)

It was moved and seconded that the reports of the Committees on Foreign and Home Estimates be considered alternately as heretofore. The motion prevailed.

The estimates for China were taken from the calendar and those for Shanghai read by the clerk.

Miss May Hixson, from McTyeire Memorial, Shanghai, was introduced. She said that ninety-five per cent of the student

body of this school become Christians. These girls come from the official class, the literary class, and also from the serving class, but a beautiful spirit of democracy prevails. The special studies are on a self-supporting basis.

Estimates for Soochow District were read. Mrs. S. S. Harris spoke of the great need of Mokanshan house. Dr. John Tra- wick, Chairman of the Board of Medical Examiners, spoke of the Mary Black Hospital as one of the best-organized hospitals in China, saying, in part, that Dr. Ethel Polk is considered one of the best-equipped women doctors in the Orient; that she and Dr. Hattie Love are regarded as leaders in their profession.

Dr. Pinson read a protest from a group of Mexican mission- aries against the plan approved by the General Board of Mis- sions for territorial readjustment in Mexico. He then explained how such a plan would prove advantageous.

The appointments for Sunday were read by Dr. Hughlett.

Miss Head explained the origin of the Cincinnati Conference, called together by the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America to seek earnestly for the best methods of presenting the gospel to Mexico and bringing the whole nation to Christ.

Miss Bennett, as a member of the Territorial Committee of that Conference, said that thirteen Boards are at work in Mex- ico, but only fifteen of the thirty States had been entered; that the Boards had followed the railroads and settled in the same cities and towns, thus overlapping and leaving many without any prospect of the gospel.

Announcements were made, and the meeting was turned over to Dr. S. D. Gordon for the first of his devotional series.

Mrs. Cunyers prepared the way for his lesson by a message in song, "Open My Eyes."

Dr. Gordon then proved that God needs us, that we need God, that we need to pray, that Spirit-suggested prayer is al- ways answered, and that by praying we help God to win his own world back.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Council met for its third day's session Saturday morn- ing at nine o'clock.

The devotional service, led by Miss May Hixson, Shanghai,

China, consisted of Hymn No. 180, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," a lesson based on the great commission, "Go ye into all the world," and prayer.

Memorials were presented from the North Alabama Conference, concerning an increased appropriation for city missions, referred to the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work; from the North Carolina Conference, relating to the pledge of its Junior Division, referred to the Committee on Children's Work; from the Los Angeles City Mission Board, touching City Board work, referred to the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work; a recommendation, presented by the Treasurer, touching a mission study book on financing the kingdom, referred to the Committee on Literature.

The following telegram of greeting was read:

MERIDIAN, MISS., April 14, 1916.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Woman's Missionary Council, Atlanta, Ga.

City Mission Board of Meridian, Miss., sends loving greetings to the Council. We are asking the Heavenly Father to grant wisdom and strength in all your deliberations, as they mean much to the women of the Church. James i. 5. [Not signed.]

A telegram was read from Mrs. E. E. Lutes, District Secretary, Poplar Bluff District, St. Louis Conference, urging the Council to accept St. Louis's invitation for 1917.

The following pages for the day were introduced: Mesdames Bryce, Richards, Agnew, Waugh, and Brown, and Miss Upchurch.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Candidates was read by Miss Head and placed on the calendar.

The estimates for the Huchow District, China, were read.

Miss Sallie J. Smith was introduced. She told of the work of the District Bible School and of the wonderful work being done here for the married women, and said that the Huchow District has more members in the Church than all the other districts put together.

Miss Annie Bradshaw spoke of the work and influence of the Virginia School and of the great need of Christian teachers in the government schools.

On motion, the estimates for the Shanghai District were

amended by striking out the appropriation of \$800 for furniture for the chapel in the Susan B. Wilson School. This need will be met by a group of persons as a memorial.

On motion, the estimates for China as amended, \$63,465, were approved.

The estimates for the Pacific Coast work were read by the Calendar Clerk, with explanations by the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work. Mrs. W. E. Vaughan, Alameda, Cal., spoke of the work of Rev. William Acton and his co-workers on the Pacific Coast. The appropriation for the Pacific Coast, \$9,560, was approved.

The estimates for Korea were read by the Calendar Clerk. Miss Ellasue Wagner spoke of work at Songdo. Miss Alice D. Noyes spoke of the evangelical work at Wonsan, especially of the diligence of the Korean women in studying the Bible. Miss Bertha Smith, Wonsan, told of the educational work at this station and the need for educating native leaders in the mission schools. Miss Bertha Tucker, Choon Chun, told of the work there, which is chiefly evangelistic, saying that to-day is a time of crisis and is also a time of opportunity in Korea. The estimates for Korea, \$36,320, were approved.

Bishop Candler was introduced and expressed his pleasure in being present.

By special permission, the estimates for Mexico were taken from the calendar. Bishop Candler spoke of the situation in that country and explained his objections to the proposed plan of territorial division there.

The following were introduced: Professor and Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. S. D. Gordon, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Waters, President of Gammon Theological Institute, Dr. J. S. Jenkins, Missionary Secretary of North Georgia Conference, Dr. W. J. Young.

Announcements were made. A message of loving greeting to the Council and the assurance of her thought and prayer was read from Mrs. J. H. Stewart, of the Central Texas Conference, who was detained at home by the presence of a new missionary in her family.

Mrs. Rollins read a letter of invitation to the Council from

the Missouri Woman's Christian Temperance Union to hold its 1917 session in St. Louis.

Mrs. Cunyers then gave a gospel message in song, preparing the hearts and minds of all present for Dr. Gordon's second lesson on prayer. This he illustrated by three prayers from the Bible: (1) Moses's prayer that he might enter into the Promised Land; (2) Hannah's prayer for a son, the answer of which was delayed; and (3) Christ's changed prayer in Gethsemane.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Council met for its fourth day's session Monday morning at nine o'clock.

The devotional service, led by Deaconess Daisy Ritter, consisted of the following Scripture passages, Job xii. 13, Psalms cxxxv. 5, cxix. 130, Proverbs xxviii. 5, 2 Timothy ii. 7, Proverbs ii. 3-9, 1 John v. 20, from which she developed the lesson of God's promise of understanding to his servants. Mrs. Luke Johnson led in prayer, and the body joined with Mrs. Cunyers in singing the Council hymn, "Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might."

Mrs. Reed offered prayer for Mrs. Hume R. Steele, who had been summoned home because of the extreme illness of a little nephew, and for the family in distress. Professor Trowbridge prayed for Council members and workers who were ill, and for Mrs. R. B. John, who had been called home by the illness of her husband.

The following pages for the day from Grace Church were introduced: Misses Janie Zackery, Irene Bennett, Nell Jackson, Helen Gullatt, Lois Carroll.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 3 was suspended, and memorials from the East Oklahoma Conference, touching the Conference Executive Committee, were referred to the Committee on By-Laws; from the Columbia Conference, concerning a request for a worker among the Indians, referred to the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work.

A paper concerning correlation of young people's and children's work, referred by the Executive Committee of the Council to the annual session, was read and placed on the calendar.

The appropriation for Mexico was approved.

Report No. 1 of the Sessions Committee on Literature was read and placed on the calendar.

The estimates for home work were taken from the calendar and those for Brevard Institute read. Prof. C. H. Trowbridge spoke in detail of the work at Brevard, and Mrs. Trowbridge spoke of her work among the girls.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Brevard Building Committee, Mr. Thomas Shipman, Mr. Welch Galloway, Dr. Goode Cheatham, Mr. Fitch Taylor, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, and Mrs. Robbins, who had done their work so well and presented a complete report of the same.

The estimates for the Sue Bennett School were read by the Calendar Clerk; and Dr. Katherine Jackson French, Dean, gave an interesting account of what is being accomplished in the various departments at Sue Bennett, also of the spiritual influence of the school.

Mr. Trowbridge paid a tribute to Mrs. F. H. E. Ross as Treasurer of Brevard Institute and of her influence over the school.

Mrs. Hudson was introduced and spoke of her work at London.

On motion, the appropriation for mountain work, \$19,232, was approved.

The estimates for the Mexican work were read. Mrs. MacDonell spoke of this work, of the great need for a new building and of equipment and furnishings. The estimates for Mexican work were approved.

Mr. D. E. Cammack was introduced and spoke of the Textile Industrial Institute, Spartanburg, S. C., where more than four hundred cotton mill people have been given an educational opportunity. The purpose of the Institute is to find, train, Christianize, and place those who are to become the moral leaders of the mill people.

Miss Wingo, Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association of Atlanta, brought a message of greeting from the local Association and presented a beautiful bunch of Easter lilies, which were graciously accepted by the President.

On motion, the President appointed the following special committee to act upon memorials touching the printing of re-

ports in the Annual Report and a recommendation from the editor of the *Voice*: Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, and Mrs. T. J. Copeland.

A message of greeting from Mrs. J. B. Cobb was read by Mrs. Rollins. The Recording Secretary was instructed to send a message of love to Mrs. J. B. Cobb.

The following telegram from Miss Moore was read :

ATHENS, ALA., 9:30 A.M., April 15, 1916.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Woman's Missionary Council, Atlanta, Ga.

I am missing the inspiration and fellowship of the Council gathering. The educational campaign for Athens College is engrossing me. Shall make special prayer the coming week for the candidates for missionary service who go out this year; for enlargement; for missionary liberality in the hearts of our people toward our missionary enterprises.

MARY N. MOORE.

Letters were read from the Chairman of the City Mission Board of New Orleans, from the Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor of New Orleans inviting the Council to hold its next Annual Meeting in that city.

Messages were read from Julia E. Harnett, Secretary of the St. Louis District, from Mrs. William Court, Secretary of the De Soto District, and from Mrs. Flora J. Mechin, President of the Woman's Council of St. Louis, urging the acceptance of St. Louis's invitation to the Council for 1917.

Announcements were made and the meeting turned over to Dr. Gordon. This prayer study was based upon Ephesians vi. 10-18. He said that prayer is overcoming the evil one in the name of Jesus through his blood; that there is a spirit warfare on, in which three parties are engaged—the human folk, evil spirits, and the angels of God—and in the fight one must have simple, unquestioning trust in God.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with Hymn No. 19, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and prayer led by Mrs. S. S. Harris.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, four o'clock was fixed as the hour for adjournment for the afternoon session.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Home Section, was read by Miss E. V. Pepler, Secretary of the Committee, and placed on the calendar.

The estimates for Japan were read by the Clerk, and the plan for the work there was explained by the Executive Secretary of Foreign Work. These estimates were amended by striking out the item, "Personal teachers for Misses Holland and Gist, \$240," and the appropriation as amended, \$12,791, was approved.

On motion, the precedent of previous years in taking up other reports from the calendar, after completing a field, was followed, and Report No. 2 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was read by the Clerk and adopted as read.

Before the report was adopted, the young women accepted as deaconess candidates were called to the chancel rail and introduced to the body. Miss Bennett then led in earnest prayer for these younger sisters.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Candidates was taken from the calendar. The foreign candidates were called to the front, that the women might look into their faces, and Mrs. L. P. Smith prayed for God's loving, watchful care over them and for the winning power with which they might go into the dark places.

The report of the Committee on Candidates was approved. (See report, page 157.)

It was moved that a special committee be appointed to consider the question of correlation referred to the Council in annual session from the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee. The motion prevailed, and the following committee was appointed: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Mrs. B. F. Holland.

Consideration of estimates for home work was resumed, and the estimates for the Gulf Coast work were read by the Clerk. Mrs. B. F. Lewis and Mrs. W. H. LaPrade spoke of the work at Biloxi and Gulfport. The appropriations for Gulfport and Biloxi were approved. Mrs. A. P. Holt told of the need of enlargement in the French work.

Mrs. John L. Richmond, President of the New Orleans City Mission Board, was introduced. She spoke of the work at St.

Mark's Hall and of the need in that city, especially since the great storm in August, 1915. Mrs. J. W. Mills told of what is being done by Rev. J. E. Reifschneider among the foreigners in Galveston.

On motion, the estimates for the Gulf Coast work, \$9,440, were approved.

Mrs. T. J. Copeland was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Literature, to serve during Mrs. Hume R. Steele's absence.

The report of the auditors of the Treasurer's books was read by the Reading Clerk and adopted. (See report, page 120.)

A telegram was read from Rev. W. W. Holmes, presiding elder of the New Orleans District, in behalf of the New Orleans preachers, urging the Council to accept the invitation to New Orleans in 1917.

A letter was read from Hon. Jacob Schreiner, President of the Merchants' Exchange, St. Louis, Mo., extending a cordial invitation to the Council to meet in St. Louis in 1917.

Mrs. Cunyers sang a gospel message, in the chorus of which the body joined, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. G. M. Eakes.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The fifth day's session opened with devotional service led by Miss Alice Dean Noyes, Korea. All joined in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour"; and Miss Noyes based her message on those most wonderful of all promises, "Lo, I am with you alway," "Let not your heart be troubled," and "I go to prepare a place for you." Prayer was led by Mrs. H. W. Pittman and a message in song given by Mrs. George W. Matthews. The service closed with a chain of short prayers, led by Miss Emma Tucker, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Mrs. T. B. King.

The minutes of Monday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Miss Louise Dunstan was appointed agent for the *Young Christian Worker* and Mrs. A. P. Holt agent for the *Missionary Voice*.

In response to an invitation from the Atlanta District Association of Stewards, Misses Hixson and Fuess were appointed

to represent the Council at the meeting of this Association of Stewards on Tuesday evening.

The following telegram was read:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 17, 1916.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Woman's Missionary Council, Atlanta, Ga.

Woman's Board of City Missions purchased building site for St. Mark's Hall and church on Rampart. Price, \$11,700. Dr. Moore pays \$4,100 for church site. Great enthusiasm manifested. Hope you are interested and satisfied with our purchase. Bring us Council next year.

MRS. W. W. CARRÉ.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Howell and placed on the calendar.

The following pages for the day were introduced: Mesdames Hurt, Thomas, Ward, Robison, Wachendorff.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read and placed on record. (See report, page 183.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Candidates and Foreign Work and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Home Base were read and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Council Evangelist, Miss Tina Tucker, was read by her sister, Miss Emma Tucker. This included work done in the Virginia K. Johnson Home, in the Mexican work at Los Angeles, Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco Wesley House, Biloxi Wesley House, and Mobile Wesley House, where marked manifestations of the Spirit were evident.

On motion, the report was received, and prayer for Miss Tina Tucker, who is ill, was offered by Mrs. George Matthews. The Secretary was instructed to send a message of love to Miss Tina Tucker.

The estimates for Brazil were read. Miss Mary Pescud, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, gave a glimpse of the work in the mission school, where the study of the Bible is emphasized. She gave as one of the greatest needs that of devotional books in Portuguese.

Miss Head read a cablegram from Miss Layona Glenn, giving \$150,000 as the price set upon the property desired in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for our great girls' school, and said that we

have the necessary two-thirds of the purchase price required by the General Board of Missions; that the additional one-third must be raised by special gifts. In response to this announcement the women sang, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," and Miss Bennett offered a prayer of thanksgiving. The total for Brazil, \$35,200, was then approved.

Miss Elizabeth Lamb, from Porto Alegre, Brazil, was introduced and spoke in general of Brazil and in particular of what we are doing in Porto Alegre, where, in spite of serious limitations, evidences of the power of the Spirit are not lacking, and then of the woeful need for Christ in Brazil.

Miss Gibson described this most desirable "English Park" property in Rio, which she and Miss Bennett had visited and longed for when in Brazil two years ago, where, with some remodeling of the present buildings, about forty pupils may be cared for in the boarding department.

The estimates for the Florida Coast work were read by the Calendar Clerk. Mrs. B. F. Holland, Corresponding Secretary of the Florida Conference, spoke of Key West, of the Ruth Hargrove Institute and its student body of about four hundred. Here, she says, the people appreciate what we are doing. She told also of the Cuban SubschooL, where the pupils are all Cubans. Mrs. Hanson, President of the Florida Conference, told of Wolff Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., where it seems expedient to turn over the school work to the public school and maintain only a kindergarten. The appropriation of \$16,203.35 for the Florida Coast work was approved.

Report No. 1 of the Sessions Committee on Literature was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 177.)

A telegram from Mrs. S. M. Ivey, District Secretary of the Farmington District, Missouri Conference, and a letter from Hon. Charles F. Hatfield, Secretary and General Manager of the St. Louis Bureau of Conventions, urging the acceptance of St. Louis's invitation, were read.

Announcements were made, and the following persons were introduced: Mrs. J. W. Newman, Mrs. Sam P. Jones, Dr. Magath, Mrs. Annie Pyron, Prof. E. E. Bishop, Principal of Vashti, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Brown, Dr. Ingham, Mrs. Burnett,

President of the City Mission Board, Spartanburg, S. C., Dr. Kendall, a North Georgia pastor, Mr. John Hancock, Business Manager of the *Council Daily*, Miss Hattie Tunnells, and Dr. Flynn.

The hour for the noon devotions having come, Mrs. Cunyers gave a sweet message in song, "The Harvester." In this lesson Dr. Gordon said that the earth and all in it is God's (Ps. xxiv.); God gave man dominion over the earth (Gen. ii.); man by disobedience transferred his dominion (Gen. iii.). In John xii., xiv., xvi. Jesus speaks of the prince of this world. The evil one is the prince of this world. God is eager to swing the world back to its old dominion. Jesus had a great conflict with the prince of this world and bought back to us our rights with his blood. Having shown that to abide one must obey and that when one asks he must take, he closed with the thought: "Taking must be with your life. Be clear of the Master's leading and follow where he leads. Though the prince of this world come, he shall have nothing in me, but Jesus shall have everything."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at two o'clock with devotional service led by Deaconess Connie Fagan, Savannah, Ga. Hymns, "He Leadeth Me" and "Speak to Me, That I May Speak," were sung. After prayer she gave a lesson on "God's Promise of Power," based on 2 Samuel xxii. 33, John i. 12, Revelation ii. 26, and the service closed with a hymn, "Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following telegrams were read:

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 18, 1916.

Woman's Missionary Council, Assembled in Atlanta, Ga.

The Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, Lexington, Ky., sends greetings and a cordial invitation to hold the 1917 Council meeting at First Church, Lexington. We will welcome you with open hearts.

MRS. GEORGE W. BAIN, *President*;

MRS. RALPH McCracken, *Corresponding Secretary*.

AUSTIN, TEX., April 18, 1916.

Woman's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, Atlanta, Ga.

Greetings from Auxiliary of First Church, Austin. Hebrews vi. 10.

MRS. JOHN W. ROBBINS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

It was moved and seconded that the business session be continued until 3:15 P.M., when it should adjourn to meet in executive session. The motion prevailed.

The following reports were read and placed on the calendar: Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Base, report of the Special Committee on Miscellaneous Recommendations, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Young People's Work, Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Social Service, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Children's Work, Report No. 2 of the Committee on Literature.

The estimates for Cuba were read and the total amount, \$9,170, approved.

The estimates for work among the miners was read. Mrs. J. C. Fowler told of what is being accomplished at McAlester, Okla., where we have but one worker. Mrs. P. L. Cobb gave in detail something of what is being done at the Bluefield Mines, Welch, W. Va. Mrs. B. A. Rea, President of the District Board, and Miss Mattie Wike, who has been serving in that field this past year, told of the work in the Lead Belt, Flat River, Mo. The total appropriation to the work among miners, \$5,152, was approved.

A message from the Y. W. C. A., St. Louis, Mo., adding its voice to the other invitations to St. Louis, was read by the Reading Clerk.

Mrs. Cunyers sang a gospel message, "I Am Satisfied with Jesus; Is He Satisfied with Me?"

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Jenkins, and the Council rose to meet in executive session in the Sunday school room below.

EVENING SESSION.

The third business session for the day opened at 8 P.M. Tuesday, with devotional service led by Miss Ellasue Wagner, Principal of Holston Institute, Songdo, Korea. Miss Wagner based her lesson on Ephesians i. 15-20. Beautiful music was furnished by the Trinity Church choir.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved as read.

The following telegrams were read:

LEXINGTON, KY., April 18, 1916.

Woman's Missionary Council, First M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga.

The Rotary Club of Lexington, Ky., most heartily joins in the invitation of this city for you to hold the 1917 session with us in the Queen City of the Bluegrass, near the home of Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, your new First Vice President.

LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB.

J. F. BATTAILE, *Secretary*.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 18, 1916.

Woman's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, Atlanta, Ga.

The Board of Commerce of Lexington, Ky., unanimously joins in the invitation of Methodism of this city to hold your 1917 Council meeting in old Kentucky, the home of your honored President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, at Lexington, Ky., the capital of the Bluegrass. May we not anticipate your favorable consideration?

THE LEXINGTON BOARD OF COMMERCE.

The business of the hour being that of choosing the place for the next annual meeting, twenty invitations in letters and telegrams to St. Louis, New Orleans, and Lexington were read by the Reading Clerk. To the President's query, "Who can show any reason why we should go to any of these cities?" Mrs. Richmond, President of the City Board, New Orleans, urged the claims of that city. Mrs. E. R. Watson, seconded by Mrs. C. M. Hawkins in convincing terms, left little to be told of the charms of Missouri and of the advantages of meeting in St. Louis; yet Mrs. W. L. Reed and Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough added arguments in favor of that fair city. Mrs. Abel Bliss seconded the call to New Orleans and was followed by Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Miss Davies, and Mrs. A. P. Holt, who pressed New Orleans's need of the help the Council could bring. Mrs. Hutton, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, and Mrs. Evans urged the call to Lexington.

Mrs. McEachern most graciously bade the Council to return to Atlanta to make this hospitable city its permanent meeting place and thereby avoid the necessity of annually making a choice. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson reminded the Council that North Carolina's latchstring hangs in ready reach.

New Orleans received the majority vote, and the motion to make the acceptance of New Orleans's invitation unanimous was carried.

The estimates for work among dependent girls were read and the amount, \$8,800, approved. Prof. E. E. Bishop, Principal of Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga., spoke of the great need of such institutions for homeless, unprotected girls, citing statistics to prove his point and instances of fine characters sent out from the school.

The estimates for Africa were read, and the appropriation of \$3,500 and \$2,500 additional as a special was approved.

Three young women, Miss Etha Mills, Miss Kathron Wilson, and Miss Ethel Lee Woolsey, the pioneers from the Council on Africa, were introduced.

The motion was carried that the body convene at 10:30 Wednesday morning in order that committees might have an hour and a half session.

With prayer, led by Dr. Gordon, for the young women going out to Dark Africa and for those who stand back of them, the session closed.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The sixth day's business session opened at 10:30 A.M. with devotional service led by Miss Claudia Wannamaker, Augusta, Ga. Hymn 420, "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted," was sung, a lesson from 2 Peter i. was read, and the service closed with prayer, led by Deaconess Eugenia Smith, and a message in song by Mrs. Cunyers.

Miss Bennett introduced the State President of the W. C. T. U. and her associates; the Superintendent of Tithing, Mrs. Burnett; and the Superintendent of Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Rumble.

The minutes of Tuesday evening's session were read and approved as read.

A season of prayer, led by Dr. Gordon, was entered upon, that God might guide our President and Congress, as at that hour he went before Congress to present his message setting forth the situation between the United States and Germany.

The following pages for the day, Mesdames Berrim and Buchanan and Misses Baum and McDonald, were introduced.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 5 was suspended, that the reform section of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Social Service might be put upon its passage at once. This section was read and amended by inserting the name of the second Senator from Georgia, Hon. Thomas W. Hardwick, and adopted as amended. The Superintendent of Social Service was instructed to send messages to these four Senators, urging the Southern Senators to give the Keating-Owen Child Labor Bill their unqualified support.

The estimates for Paine Annex (negro work) were read, and Miss Mary Meriwether and Miss Claudia Wannamaker were called to speak of the Bethlehem House in Augusta. Miss Meriwether set forth her ideals for this work, and Miss Wannamaker gave the practical plans in force in the negro settlement in Augusta. The estimates for the Bethlehem House work were read. Miss Estelle Haskin told of this work in Nashville and of the training of young colored women for service here in connection with Fisk University. The total appropriation for negro work, \$9,028.92, was approved.

The estimates for work among delinquent girls were read. Mrs. Fannie Dessau, President of the local Governing Board of the Macon Door of Hope, spoke of this institution and the chance given to these mothers and babies. The total appropriation for delinquent girls, \$11,352, was approved.

On motion of Miss Head, the order of business was suspended in order that three reports might be placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Foreign Section, and the report of the Special Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School were then read by Miss Head. Report No. 2 of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Home Section, was read by Miss Pepler, and the three reports were placed on the calendar.

Announcements were made.

Mrs. Cunyers gave a gospel message in song, which prepared all for the quiet hour. In this last lesson Dr. Gordon had the close attention of all as he recited his "Finnish Gold Story," thereby illustrating the miraculous power of prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with devotional service, led by Miss Sallie J. Smith, Huchow, China. This service consisted of Hymn 543, "Dear Father and Lord of Mankind," a Scripture lesson from Isaiah xxvi. 3, xxxii. 17, 18, and prayer, led by Miss Bennett.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work, the report of the Special Committee on Correlation, and a resolution touching the Rio Girls' School, signed by three persons, were read and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Home Section, was taken from the calendar, read, and considered by items. Item 1, Section III., was amended by striking out the word "educational" before the word "committee" and inserting the words "educational institutions" after the word "committee." The report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 158.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was taken from the calendar, considered by items, and passed as read. (See report, page 152.)

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read and approved as read. (See report, page 183.)

In order that pledges from the Conferences might be taken before any of the delegates should leave the city, action upon reports was suspended.

After a solemn season of prayer, led by Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Miss Emma Tucker, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, and Miss Bennett, Mrs. Ross read the amounts paid in 1915 by each Conference and the amount of increase in each Conference necessary to bring up a total increase of \$50,000. The pledges were then taken, as follows:

	Adult.	Young People.
Alabama	\$ 6,000	....
Baltimore	5,000	\$1,000
Central Texas	8,750	500
Columbia .....	....	....
Denver .....	....	....
East Columbia .....	....	....
East Oklahoma	1,750	50

	Adult.	Young People.
Florida	\$ 6,000	\$ 500
Holston	6,000	1,000
Illinois .....	.....	.....
Kentucky	5,300	800
Little Rock	7,750	250
Los Angeles	500	.....
Louisiana	4,385	100
Louisville	5,200	.....
Memphis	5,300	500
Mississippi	5,000	.....
Missouri	4,600	400
Montana .....	.....	.....
New Mexico .....	.....	.....
North Alabama	6,500	.....
North Arkansas	5,600	400
North Carolina	15,000	.....
North Georgia	12,000	1,000
North Mississippi	4,500	.....
North Texas	7,500	.....
Northwest Texas	3,000	.....
Pacific	1,000	.....
South Carolina	6,500	500
South Georgia	26,500	1,000
Southwest Missouri	4,000	.....
St. Louis	4,000	.....
Tennessee	8,000	.....
Texas	8,500	500
Upper South Carolina	5,500	500
Virginia	6,000	250
West Oklahoma	1,900	100
West Texas	5,000	200
Western North Carolina	14,500	2,500
Western Virginia	1,800	400

NOTE.—All Conferences did not understand that a separate pledge should be made for the young people; hence, unless noted, the adult pledge includes that of the young people. In each instance the children's pledge is included in the figures for the adults.—EDITOR.

On motion, the **order** of business was suspended in order that a certain paper might be placed on the calendar. A resolution, signed by two persons, was presented by Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Home Section, was read by Miss Pepler, and both were placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Work and Candidates was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 157.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Home Base was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 178.)

The session closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. C. V. Webster.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The last morning's business session opened with devotional service, led by Deaconess Maybelle Marshall, Montgomery, Ala. This consisted of the hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," a Scripture lesson stressing God's promise to supply his servant's needs, a solo by Mrs. W. F. Barnum, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," and closed with prayer led by Miss Daisy Davies.

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Thurman and Misses Smith, Rogers, and McDonald were introduced as pages for the day.

The estimates for foreign work were taken from the calendar. Four miscellaneous items were read. The fourth, that for Scarritt Bible and Training School, was amended by adding \$1,000 to the amounts, making it \$6,500; and the four items were approved as amended.

The estimates for administration expenses of foreign work were read. Miss Head stated the cost to be between five and six per cent. The total administration expense for foreign work, \$16,565, was approved.

On motion, the order of business was suspended that a resolution might be placed upon the calendar. The resolution was then read and placed on the calendar.

The estimates for home work were taken from the calendar. The appropriation for the Scarritt Bible and Training School was amended by adding \$1,000 to the amount and making it read "\$6,500."

The following Presidents of City Mission Boards who had been present during the Council sessions were introduced: Mrs. Hinton, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Whitfield, Montgomery, Ala.;

Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. T. J. Heath, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Burton, Spartanburg, S. C.; and Miss Althea Jones, Secretary and Treasurer of the Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.

The appropriations for the Scarritt Bible and Training School (\$6,500), miscellaneous items (\$15,756.74), and city missions (\$7,472.95) were approved.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Base was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended by striking out Item 2, inserting a period after the word "nonconcurrency" in Item 4, and reconstructing the latter part of this item by further recommending, and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 178.)

The report of the Special Committee on Miscellaneous Items, touching the *Voice* and the Annual Report, was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended by inserting the clause "Instruct the Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work" in Item 1, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 185.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was read, considered by items, amended by striking out the words "leaflet and" from Item 1, and adopted as amended.

The deaconesses in the house were called to the front. Miss Bennett stated that the hour had come for the reading of the appointments of the deaconesses and city missionaries. Mrs. Cunyers then gave a gospel message in song, and prayer was offered by Dr. Dickey, Mrs. George Matthews, and Miss Gibson. Miss Bennett gave the charge to the young women before her and then read the appointments. (See Appointments, page 154.)

Deaconess Mabel Kennedy, of Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo., whose personal work has brought several young women into the ranks of missionary and deaconess, was introduced.

Mrs. Heath, President of the City Mission Board of Atlanta, in terms of earnest appreciation of the work of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work, presented to Miss Gibson, as Chairman of that committee, a bunch of beautiful, fragrant roses.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Social Service was taken

from the calendar, read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole as read. (See report, page 182.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Young People's Work was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended by striking from Item 1 of Section 2 the words "prorated between" and inserting the words "to be used for." The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 181.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Children's Work was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 180.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Literature was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 178.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Foreign Section, was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended by inserting in Item 2 of section on China the words "selection of this school"; and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 161.)

Mrs. Johnson, of the leper camp, brought the greetings of the lepers and spoke of the work among these afflicted people in Oriental countries and of the camps in this country in Massachusetts and Louisiana. She asked that all would join in prayer for the establishment of a national leprosarium, where the lepers may be comfortably cared for. She further requested all to communicate with their Congressmen, urging them to vote for Bill 193, which provides for such an asylum.

The report of the Special Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, and the section of the report touching rules and regulations was recommitted.

At one o'clock much unfinished business remained upon the calendar, so the determination to complete the work without a noon recess was reconsidered. The invitation, tendered by Mrs. Charles Haden from First Church, to lunch in the basement was then unanimously and gratefully accepted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with prayer, led by Mrs. Albright.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The recommitted item of the report of the Committee on the Scarritt Bible and Training School was read. Calendar Rule No. 5 was suspended in order that this paper might be put upon its passage at once.

On motion, the report of this committee was adopted with the item as recommitted. (See report, page 184.)

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions, Home Section, was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended by striking out Item 2 of Article I. and Item 4 of article containing contract for members of faculty of Virginia K. Johnson Home and School; and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 157.)

Report No. 4 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was taken from the calendar, read, and considered by divisions.

The motion was carried that the body sustain the Chair in her ruling that the memorial from the St. Louis Conference is unconstitutional and in instructing the four Secretaries to write the St. Louis Conference to that effect.

The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 153.)

The report of the Special Committee on Correlation was taken from the calendar, read, considered by items, amended by striking out the words "Inimical to the best interests of the child" and "Although the Council is on record as being opposed to correlation at the present time"; and the report was adopted as amended.

A resolution touching the course of study during the Week of Prayer was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read, as follows:

Be it resolved, That the subject for study during the Week of Prayer, 1916, be "Latin America" and that the offering during that week be applied to the support of Holding Institute and the completion of the purchase of the property for the Girls' School in Rio.

BESSIE W. LIPSCOMB,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MABEL HEAD.

The following resolution concerning a leaflet presented by the Treasurer was taken from the calendar and adopted as read:

Resolved. That the Council authorize the Treasurer to publish a supply of the leaflet which she presented with her report; that these be kept in stock in the Home Base office, to be furnished Conference officers upon request.

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB,
MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT,

The report of the Joint Committee on Educational Institutions was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 161.)

The report of the Committee on Promotion of Prayer was read and placed on record as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF PRAYER.

This committee begs leave to state that for this Council meeting a prayer room has been set apart, prepared by a local committee. A large streamer with the words "Come Ye Apart and Rest Awhile" indicated the place of meeting. Placards with quotations on prayer and mottoes with promises on prayer were on the walls of the room. A folder with suggestions for prayer was distributed through the Council. Watches of fifteen minutes each were planned for those who would serve as intercessors. Requests for prayer were daily considered. A preparatory service, held every morning at 8:30, was well attended. The morning watch was led on Sunday by Dr. S. D. Gordon.

MRS. G. W. MATTHEWS, *Chairman*;
MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT,
MISS MAY ORA DURHAM.

The following resolution, signed by every member of the Council, was read and placed on record:

Whereas "tithes and offerings" are God's plan for financing the kingdom, we urge that this plan be taught and practiced in our work.

We further urge that rummage sales, silver teas, festivals, suppers, bazaars, plays, and such devices, which bring the Lord's work before the public as a money-making institution or as a mendicant, be condemned by this body.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross made a report as Treasurer of Brevard Institute.

The committee appointed to nominate members to fill vacancies in the standing committees made the following report:

Your committee to nominate members to fill vacancies on standing committees begs leave to report that it met and organized, but found no vacancies on any of the standing committees.

MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Chairman*;
MISS DAISY DAVIES, *Secretary*.

The Committee on Laws reported as follows:

Your Committee on Laws begs leave to report that all resolutions, memorials, and reports of all committees placed on the calendar have been acted upon.

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Chairman pro tem.*;
MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary*.

A Continuation Committee on the Scarritt Bible and Training School was appointed as follows: The President of the Council, the two Administrative Secretaries, the Treasurer, and Miss M. L. Gibson.

Mrs. Fitzgerald Sale Parker and Mrs. A. B. Smith were appointed to represent the Council on the Bethlehem House Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Mabel Head read the following message from Dr. Mary Stone, the young Chinese doctor, who, in her address Friday evening, had delighted all:

You do not know how much I enjoyed the trip to Atlanta. It was so good to meet those dear ladies and to know the great work they are doing. I have thought much of you and prayed for you. You have been so kind to me. Please say to the ladies that I feel that I belong to them and shall continue to pray for them.

The following motion, offered by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, was passed:

Whereas the third Wednesday of February is the day set apart by the Council of Women for Home Missions for prayer for home missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council pledges to cooperate in the observance of this day and that we request the auxiliaries, wherever it is possible, to cooperate with the missionary societies of other denominations.

The appointment of the following committees ordered by the adoption of various reports was left in the hands of the Executive Committee: Committee on Report Blanks, Committee on Loans to Candidates for Missionary Training, Committee on Correlation.

On motion, Mrs. E. B. Chappell was nominated and unanimously elected associate editor of the *Missionary Voice*.

On motion, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs was nominated and unanimously elected First Vice President of the Council.

The Committee on Courtesies then made the following report, which was approved as read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES.

A year ago, when repeated and continuous cordial invitations poured in upon us from Atlanta, we began to catch glimpses of the happy prospects in store for the Council of 1916. But not until we actually came to claim our chosen hostess as our own and heard the ringing welcome from Governor Harris and Mrs. Higginbotham, President of the North Georgia Conference, did we begin to realize how constant and abounding was this suggested spirit of courtesy and love. But certainly in these eight perfect days, so full of strenuous labor, mingled with sweetest fellowship, when we have found every wish fulfilled and every desire foreseen, we have come to know and experience the perfect consummation of all ideals of Southern hospitality.

To Mrs. Charles J. Haden, Chairman of the Committee on General Arrangements, we bring not merely our thanks, but, indeed, we bring a crown of gratitude for the charming and capable management of so great a task, and we shall ever treasure the memory of her splendid generalship.

Also our hearts go out in gratitude to our pastor-host, Dr. J. E. Dickey, to the First Church Auxiliary, and to the entire personnel of the great and enthusiastic committee of six hundred women, who have given themselves so overwhelmingly to us in loving ministry and have made their homes, their hearts, their churches our very own.

We feel that very special thanks should be accorded the women of Atlanta for the dainty luncheons served to us daily at the Aragon Café, where we have had not only physical refreshing, but delightful little heart talks with our fellow workers, and also for the special luncheon so considerably served at the church during the last day's business.

So exquisite have been the floral setting and surroundings during this Council that we have all but forgotten the inclosing walls and felt ourselves in the very heart of the spring beauty and blossom in the great outdoors, and we respond in fraternal greeting to the special gifts of flowers sent during our sessions by the Women's Federation of Clubs, the Y. W. C. A., and the W. C. T. U.

We also bring, on behalf of this body, sincerest thanks to Mrs. Heath and the faithful and untiring pages and to those who have served so efficiently in the post office and information bureau. We feel that we have been especially fortunate in the splendid management of Mr. John Hancock and the editors of our *Council Daily* and in the represen-

tation given us by the leading dailies of the city. For the *Wesleyan Advocate's* special Council edition we are most grateful.

The two delightful outings given for the members and visitors—the reception at Wesley House and the visit to the site of our new Emory University, planned by Mr. Asa Candler—refreshed us from the work of the sessions, and we tender our thanks both to those who projected these happy social features and to those who tendered their automobiles for the use of Council members and visitors.

The music of this Council meeting will long linger in our ears—the anthems of the Atlanta choirs; the strong, sweet voices of the Emory quartet; the beautiful solos by Mrs. W. F. Barnum; and perhaps, sweetest of all, those heart messages in song brought to us daily by Mrs. Cunyers.

We feel that we cannot adequately express to Dr. Gordon our appreciation of those higher spiritual ministries of the noon hour, but we know that the prayer life of the women of Southern Methodism will be the stronger for his teaching.

The Council also acknowledges its debt of gratitude to those who have brought to us a strengthening of heart and purpose for our world work; to Dr. Watson for opening up to us a new conception of present opportunities through changes in the Moslem empire; to Dr. Mary Stone for her revelation of the need of medical missions; to our Bishops Candler and McCoy for their interpretation of great spiritual truths.

We are grateful also for the many visitors who have cheered us with their greetings and presence.

And not only have all these factors enumerated contributed to our work, our joy, and our inspiration, but hundreds of loving instances of unacknowledged kindnesses have been ours to such an extent that, were it possible, without trespass on hospitality, we would be fain to accept your new invitation of 1916 and make Atlanta "permanent headquarters."

SALLIE LOU MCKINNON, *Chairman*;

MRS. C. F. ELZE, *Secretary*;

MRS. R. M. CAMPBELL.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved as read.

Now all drew close together for the final sweet and solemn service. As a parting message Miss Bennett gave Isaiah xli. 9, 10: "Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee . . . with the right hand of my righteousness." As all knelt in silent prayer she named the objects for which prayer should be offered: Church leaders and membership; missionary work and workers; Conference leaders, District

Secretaries, and all who hold office; all members and those who may become members; for the quickening power of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the women, the young people, and the children who may come into the work this year; for the General Conference, the nation, and world peace; for the young women who go out from this meeting, for missions, and for each other. All joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and the sixth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council stood adjourned.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. FITZGERALD SALE PARKER, *Secretary*.

In Memoriam

*"Born from above,
Living lives of indwelling love,
They are joined to the great
'Choir Invisible.'"*

Mrs. Lily Meekin

City Missionary

"The Angel of Tchoupitoulas"

Emelina Valdes Fernandez

Teacher, Cuban School, West Tampa

*"No sacrifice was too great for her if thereby she could
glorify her Lord."*

*"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.*

*Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1916.

"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke xii. 32.)

At the last Annual Meeting of the Council two splendid missionary organizations of devoted Churchwomen, separated for more than a quarter of a century by a policy that grew out of the spirit of the times, impelled by a greater world-conquering Spirit, became one, and to-day organic union has had its initial year of trial and is an accomplished fact.

Fears and forebodings have been proven groundless. Faith has become sight. The year has closed with the unprecedented record of more than eleven hundred new auxiliaries, twenty-seven thousand new members, and a financial advance of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) over the collection of the preceding year. We come together in this meeting with stronger faith, greater courage, and higher hopes. We have seen, too, through the tears of the motherhood of many nations, with a clearer vision, the bitter need of the world for Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and feel with a kindred heart-ache our increased responsibility to make Him known to all peoples.

THE HOME BASE.

The Church-wide campaign to organize a missionary auxiliary in every Methodist congregation in the connection, and to urge every woman, girl, and child in the Church to become a member, although inaugurated in the late fall of the past year, has met with such marked success and aroused such contagious enthusiasm that we may well look forward to a glorious harvest before this body meets again. We must be unceasing in prayer if we would deepen this desire and determination to enlarge and strengthen the work, and we must wisely direct the campaign, with a zeal that is born of knowledge. To this end I would urge that while we are here in conference together you fix a goal to which every Conference and every member now enlisted shall work during the year.

We still have a great unoccupied field of more than eleven thousand Churches. More than twelve hundred thousand women, girls, and young children who sit in the pews of these unreached Churches, and who help to make up the congregations of all the other Churches in our Methodism, know but little of the awful need of the non-Christian world or of the unreached millions in our own land. How can these, our very own, know the joy and peace of fellowship with Christ, unless their hearts and minds be opened to the privilege of helping Him win the world?

Our adult membership numbers only one hundred and seven thousand, and our Conference collections for 1915 were, in round numbers,

\$452,000. Will it not be possible, during the eight months before us, to gain an additional fifty thousand members and by an advance of \$50,000 in dues and pledges make our Conference offerings for 1916 \$500,000? Does this seem an impossible goal? I know we can make it if we will, and we must make it if we meet our obligations for the work already projected.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

The embezzlement and loss of the entire productive endowment fund and the twenty endowed scholarships of the Scarritt Bible and Training School necessitates an immediate change in the relationship of that invaluable institution to the Council. The Council must appropriate the money for its continued support from the annual collections and in doing so must assume a larger responsibility for its management and the development of its future, or its doors must be closed at the end of this scholastic year. After twenty-five years of splendid work accomplished through it, by the labors of the beloved women called of God to this spiritual service, I cannot believe there is a woman in the Council, or its Church-wide constituency, who would fail to approve a good and sufficient appropriation for its annual support.

COLLEGE SECRETARY.

The retirement of the two splendid Field Secretaries who served this Council for two quadrenniums—one to fill the office of the Administrative Secretary of the foreign work, and the other to take the presidency of an important Church educational institution—has weakened our forces at a vital point.

For the past six years the Mission Boards of the United States and Canada have had their respective Boards of Missionary Preparation, composed largely of men and women, preachers, teachers, Board Secretaries, and members, who have given years of service on the field, at home and abroad. These men and women have investigated and studied the governments of mission lands, their advance in civilization, the influence of Christian and missionary forces on them, missionary activities in all their varied forms, and the present needs of the fields and of the home base. As a result they have found that if the best work for the advancement of the kingdom of God is done, and a sufficient support is furnished by the home Churches, the world-wide demand for stronger and better-prepared men and women who know God, and have a passion for souls, who have had the best educational preparation and can learn the language, the customs, and the people to whom they are sent, must be met. God's cause needs *all* and the *best* that our Christianity can give.

I have said that the loss of our Field Secretaries has weakened our force at a vital point. We are not securing the needed candidates for the work already assumed, either on the home or foreign field.

The supply in no sense meets the demand. The Council needs a college woman of deep spiritual life, with special gifts and graces, who can give all her time to visiting the best schools in the South, high schools, normal schools, Church and State colleges, and in the large bodies of young women who attend these institutions search out the best and put into them the hunger for souls that she must have, that they may become fellow workers with God in bringing the world to Christ. To this end I would recommend that a committee be appointed to secure such a woman—give her a probationary term of service and then, if she and the Council know that she is God's chosen woman, elect her as College Secretary of the Council.

HOME WORK.

The work in our own land has felt the shock of the awful European conflict during the year. Immigration from the war zone has ceased; but a restless, surging tide of homeless, wandering Mexicans have thronged our Southern cities and border States, and we have had neither the money nor the workers to take advantage of this great opportunity. An urgent appeal is before us for a great normal or teacher-training school at Laredo. The public schools for Mexicans in Southern Texas are unable to secure the necessary supply of competent, trained teachers. Your Holding Institute has neither buildings nor equipment to meet this demand.

The old French population in the southernmost parishes of Louisiana still wait for the coming of missionaries and mission schools. Must another generation pass before we do something for them? Everywhere the field is white unto the harvest.

FOREIGN WORK.

One of the needs looming larger and larger before us on the foreign field during the past decade has been the establishment and support of more intermediate and high schools for boys. The organization of Woman's Missionary Societies, at a time when their efforts were restricted to work among women and children, led to a world-encircling chain of schools for girls and small children. This has increased until the primary and grammar schools for girls greatly outnumber the same class of Christian schools for boys. It was stated at the Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, by Dr. Cook, the Foreign Secretary of our Board, that in three Latin countries where our Church has work there are five schools for girls to one for boys, approximately seven girls in school to one boy, and ten dollars to one in favor of girls' schools.

It has been the policy of our woman's work, from the beginning, to admit boys up to twelve years of age into the schools under its supervision; but often this has not been possible, generally it has not been advisable.

Now, if the Christian family is the unit of Christian civilization, the Mission Boards are failing in a plain and vital duty. Marriage is practically obligatory, and at an early age, for all girls in non-Christian lands. A few years ago when I visited an old and well-known orphanage, established and controlled by the Church of Scotland, in Palestine, to my questions, "What is the most encouraging thing that has come to you as Christian missionaries during the past twelve months?" the answer was: "Two of our girls have refused to be married because they would not be married to Mohammedan men." In every foreign mission field that I have visited the girls educated in mission schools must go back into the same surroundings, the same atmosphere from which they were taken, because they must marry men who know nothing of Christ or Christianity. Is it not time that we catch a vision of homes and families in these lands where Jesus reigns and rules, rather than just of the girl or woman who has had an opportunity to know and love him in the schoolroom?

May I not urge that you earnestly and prayerfully consider a change of policy and make a beginning in the establishment of schools for boys?

GIRLS' SCHOOL IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

Our Foreign Secretary will tell you that the past year has made a beginning on the great girls' school in Rio de Janeiro a possibility. For years past we have worked and prayed for this, and God is answering our prayers. Will it be too much to ask him to help us glorify his name by planting in that splendid capital city of the largest republic in South America a great Christian school for boys also?

I close my message to you with an appeal for a circle of united, daily prayers—a circle that, by your efforts, may include every Conference Society and auxiliary in the Church—and let us

1. Pray that God may so fill with his Holy Spirit all whom he has chosen as leaders in the work of the Church that they may be kept humble, patient, and courageous in the special work to which they have been appointed—this prayer to include those who labor in the ranks of the Missionary Society, their colaborers in the mission fields at home and abroad, our bishops and ministers, and our lay leaders.

2. Pray that God may guide the Council and Conference members in the Church-wide missionary campaign, so that every man, woman, and child shall be quickened by the power of the Great Commission and enlisted in definite service.

3. Pray for the coming General Conference, that men of spiritual power, breadth of vision, and courage may be chosen as delegates, and that the work of this Conference may mean a great forward movement for the Church.

4. Pray that we may help to hasten the time when all war shall cease and Jesus Christ, the King of Peace, shall reign in all the earth; and that our nation may stand true to the principles of peace and the great law of the brotherhood of man.

BELLE H. BENNETT.

REPORTS.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. F. F. STEPHENS.

ONCE more we stand on the threshold of a new year, where we may pause and take a backward look over the twelvemonth that is past and the work accomplished. For the fifth successive year we can say, "This has been the best year of our history," and we close it singing, "He crowneth the year with his goodness." If we might have a picture and a motto at the head of this report, we would place there five swinging joy bells, to symbolize these five years of growth, and the legend, "Under His leadership we have never known retreat." The year has been one of constant activity, and the results of consecrated effort are to be seen in many a Conference report. The work is assuming greater stability and efficiency, and too much cannot be said for the faithfulness of the Conference workers who have brought these conditions about.

STATUS OF THE WORK.

The figures will show a gain in every line of work. The record as it stood December 31, 1915, is as follows:

Auxiliaries	1,359
New auxiliaries	496
Members	26,901
New members	7,807
Mission study classes	839
Bible study classes	20
Roll of Honor auxiliaries	110
Boxes of supplies sent	187
Institutes at district meetings	79
Volunteers for service.....	35
Gifts for missions	\$24,859 30

A comparison with the figures of the year previous shows that there are now 166 more auxiliaries and 4,057 more members than there were then. The increased effort for new organizations and new members is plainly apparent in the figures showing that 193 more new auxiliaries were organized and 3,156 more new members were secured during the year 1915 than during 1914. Study classes have been increased by eighty-nine. Fifty-seven more boxes of supplies have been sent out, and thirty additional institutes have been held.

How to reach more and yet ever more of our young people has been the absorbing aim of the year, influencing every plan and stamping every purpose. The first quarter was again taken as a special campaign quarter. The same plan for stimulating and vitalizing unorganized territory was used that proved so successful last year, and

one hundred and sixty-two new auxiliaries resulted. Experience confirms the belief that it is the newly elected Auxiliary Vice President to whom the appeal must be made, and that when she first takes her office.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The young people are coming to see that to attain the Council Standard of Excellence is an achievement worth while. Forty-seven more auxiliaries did it this year than last, but the total number on the list is only about one-tenth of the total number of auxiliaries, so there is room for great improvement yet.

Last year ten Conferences gained honorable mention because they had made a clear gain of five or more auxiliaries. This year there are twenty-one on that list: Alabama, Central Texas, Holston, Kentucky, Little Rock, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, North Arkansas, North Carolina, North Mississippi, North Texas, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, West Oklahoma, and Western North Carolina. It is an easy thing for the larger Conferences to make that gain. A study of the rate per cent of increase is much more illuminating than a study of the increase in flat numbers. Much credit should be given the Conferences that have doubled or more than doubled their auxiliaries. Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, North Texas, Memphis, Little Rock, and South Carolina each show a gain of fifty per cent or over. Of these, Mississippi leads with a gain of 74 per cent. Then come Alabama, 73 per cent; Texas, 63 per cent; North Texas, 60 per cent; Memphis, 53 per cent; Little Rock and South Carolina, each 50 per cent. A special note should be made of the two new Conferences, South Carolina and Upper South Carolina. A year ago, within their former boundary, they had forty-three foreign and twenty-eight home auxiliaries; now they have together eighty-seven united societies—a record of which to be proud.

Virginia leads in point of membership, having 3,501 young people enrolled. North Georgia comes second with 2,917. Western North Carolina and Central Texas each have 1,200 members; Tennessee and Baltimore each have about 1,100. The remaining Conferences have less than one thousand each.

FINANCES.

The aim for the year was to raise \$25,000 to be divided between the Korean work at Seoul and Songdo and the Sue Bennett Memorial School, in Kentucky. That the aim was not accomplished should not deter us from making such a pledge again, for one more year's effort surely will mean success. Make it a vital fact to the young people that God cares for our treasury and that our care for it means opened opportunity to many a girl whose future lies in our hands.

The total offering for missions was \$24,859.30, and this is an in-

crease of \$2,362.39 over the year 1914. In annual reports hitherto little emphasis has been put upon money. Other matters of primary importance were stressed. But now these questions of organization are settled. It is time for the question of stewardship to be brought more prominently forward; therefore an analysis of our finances is published.

Western North Carolina young people gave \$2,772.45 as their offering for the year. Virginia ranked second with a gift of \$2,666.03. The average offering for each member of the entire organization was \$.0923, but many Conferences improved upon that average. Foremost is Los Angeles Conference, with an average of \$2.36 per member; second is Western North Carolina, with \$2.20 *per capita*. Other noteworthy averages are: Kentucky, \$1.82; Alabama, \$1.80; Western Virginia, \$1.60; North Carolina, \$1.54. Baltimore, Holston, Memphis, Missouri, North Arkansas, North Mississippi, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, and West Texas Conferences all made *per capita* gifts of more than one dollar.

VOLUNTEERS.

In no other year of our existence has God so honored us as in this year by calling to his service a number of young women who have heard and obeyed the summons. Last year we numbered the volunteers in our membership, counting not only those who volunteered during 1914, but all those whose names were then listed on the membership rolls. To these thirty-five have been added in 1915. North Georgia, Southwest Missouri, and West Oklahoma Conferences each report four prospective workers; Northwest Texas, South Georgia, and St. Louis each have three; Mississippi tells of two; Central Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Missouri, North Texas, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Western North Carolina each have one. It is an inspiration merely to record this list.

IN CONCLUSION.

The scroll of the year is rolled up; the record is complete. What has been written can neither be changed nor erased. It was marked by sincerity of purpose; and when we realize how many are toiling to the end that the name of the King of kings may be glorified, we may believe that a great chorus of praise goes up from our Southern women for the goodness that has been shown us this year.

To our Council First Vice President this is not only the closing of a year's work; it is the end of three years' service in this office. They have been three years of happy endeavor and of ever-increasing gratitude. Associations with young people and with Conference officers in this beautiful department have been delightful, and they are severed with a feeling of personal loss.

The one compensating fact in laying down the office is that Mrs. Grubbs will take it up. She had charge of the work previously, so it is not new to her. She brings skill and experience and devotion to it,

a leadership bound to succeed. For all of its five years' growth, the organization is yet in its infancy, and no one may predict the extent of its future attainment. Is not the battle Jehovah's and the results in his hand?

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT.

As the lover and servant of the children of the Southern Methodist Church, it gives me great pleasure to bring to you, at this time, greetings from them and report to you their achievements in the tasks you have set them to do.

The statistical report in part for the year is as follows:

BABY DIVISION.

Divisions	1,352
Increase of Divisions	204
Members	14,576
Increase in members	3,376
Promoted to Junior Division	675

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Divisions	1,903
Increase of Divisions	459
Members	47,238
Increase in members	12,855
Subscribers to <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	8,000
Mission Study Classes	373
Members of Mission Study Classes	7,810
Junior Divisions on Roll of Honor.....	338
Observing the Week of Prayer.....	295
Amount of offerings	\$22,481 65

The year has been energized by campaigns. Great tides of activities were set in motion which have brought expansion to nearly every department of the children's organization.

According to the Council plan, a special effort in organizing new auxiliaries and securing new members was begun in March, and the first quarterly report showed a large increase. When the Council in annual session projected a Church-wide campaign of the same nature, the Children's Department fell in line, and the year closed with most gratifying results. Some very fine campaign work was done by the Conference Second Vice Presidents, and it is our hope and purpose that the movement shall not stop until our aim, "A Children's Auxiliary in Every Church and Every Child a Member," has been attained.

Another campaign of no small proportion was put on in September for the *Young Christian Worker*, and it is a matter of sincere regret that the goal set by the Council has not been fully reached. The

Conference Second Vice Presidents and the children labored faithfully in its behalf and doubtless will not abate their effort until the paper is on the safe foundation of self-support. We must here express our deep appreciation of the excellent work the *Young Christian Worker* is doing for the children. With its monthly programs, Bible and Social Service studies, Mission Study notes, the good stories and much correlated reading matter, it is a source of digested help and information and is absolutely essential to the development of the work. It should be our ambition, not only to place it in every Methodist home, but that it should also be found on the files of all public libraries and on other exchanges where popular magazines are sought.

In October Mission Study received special attention, and the number of classes and interest were greatly augmented. My records show 7,810 members against 4,000 plus last year, while the Educational Secretary's books record this year more than 12,000 members. This is by far our best report in Mission Study. There are Mission Study classes in every Conference, even in the West, where children's missionary societies are few and difficult of operation. North Georgia leads in number of classes and members; Tennessee and West Oklahoma come second in number of classes; Tennessee and Baltimore, second in membership. Wherever leaders are available, there seems to be little difficulty in forming classes. The same practical methods and plans of intensive work which are used in the adult courses are also used with the children, with happy results. The books were practical and adaptable, accompanied by helpful questions and suggestions, thus making the work for both leader and children easy and of real value.

The *Yearbooks*, leaflets, pledge cards, and other supplies were eagerly received and have greatly enriched the work, judging from the growing interest all along the line. Immediately to increase the funds of the department was not the fundamental purpose of the pledge cards, but to plant in the life of the child right ideals of his personal responsibility and share in the support of the kingdom of God, that shall later result in conscientious, regular, and proportionate giving, crowding out ultimately the unworthy and blighting methods now so widely practiced. It is also hoped that the cards will appeal to the parents as the most intelligent and practical way to teach their children to become real givers. They add also another unit to the completeness of our system; therefore we are most grateful if even a small number of them have been properly understood and used. The children's own special fields for study and support, teeming with many types of human needs and interests, have been beautifully set forth in the leaflets. Indeed, these leaflets, when properly used, become a liberal course of study, impressing the work indelibly on the minds of those who hear them from time to time.

An increase of two hundred and thirty-one auxiliaries attained the Roll of Honor. Louisville, Western North Carolina, and Memphis re-

ceived the largest number of Certificates of Honor. When you recall the items included in the Standard of Excellence and the units required to get on the Roll of Honor, you will agree with me that your children are following hard on the road of efficiency that you have opened to them.

The Week of Prayer was observed by a much larger number of auxiliaries than the previous year. Giving the children a special program and a place in the Week of Prayer has proven a real stimulus to them and an inspiration to their leaders.

Much work of a very high order has been accomplished by the Conference Second Vice Presidents. Through their official letters, personal correspondence and activities, the plans and the policies of the Council have been ably conveyed to their constituency. They have presented the children's work at all the annual and at many of the district meetings. They have also held many special services, such as demonstrations by the children, mothers' meetings, story hour, etc., in behalf of the work.

That the organization is becoming more and more efficient is the personal testimony of many of these Conference officers. One writes, "The improvement during the year is remarkable"; while another says, "The work is more systematic, better planned, better programs, more attention given to the pledge. On the whole, our people are doing a more intelligent work."

Notwithstanding the fact that this is the largest report, and in many respects the best, in our history, our financial standing remains about the same. If the children had means commensurate with their love and enthusiasm, their offerings would quickly measure up to the goal set for them. In some places the money from the children's auxiliary is sent to the Conference Treasurer through the Adult Treasurer, and the children receive no credit for it. Three Conferences deserve special mention—North Carolina, again the leader, \$3,092.56; second, North Georgia, \$2,336.63; third, Western North Carolina, \$1,937.17.

Several hundred auxiliaries are engaging monthly in Social Service studies and activities. Christian Stewardship is being presented in the same proportion quarterly, while a large number of local committees are rendering very definite and beautiful service to the Church and community, contributing also to local work a surprising amount of money, often much larger than to the connectional. Boxes of supplies have been sent to our institutions at home and abroad, while some of these "little women" have been sewing for the Virginia K. Johnson babies, visiting shut-ins, distributing flowers, and dispensing in simple form charities and relief and much good cheer.

BABY DIVISION.

Tennessee has won the laurel for leadership in the Baby Division, making top score in every point. North Georgia is second in number

of Divisions, while Holston is second in membership. North Carolina and Western North Carolina stand next in increase in number of Divisions and members. Tennessee, Holston, and Missouri have the unique distinction of having a larger number of Baby than Junior Divisions, thus laying a good foundation for future work. One point in connection with the Baby Division deserving of more than passing mention is the number of promotions (six hundred and seventy-five) to the Junior Division. May I call your attention to the points herein involved—the unbroken progress of the work, the uninterrupted training of the child, a wide-awake leadership, and the good working order of the organization?

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Numerically, the Junior Division has grown by leaps and bounds, notwithstanding the fact that the frequent changing and often the lack of leaders have wrought havoc in many places. The highest records have been made by the following Conferences:

Number of Divisions: (1) North Georgia, (2) South Georgia, (3) North Carolina. New Divisions: (1) North Georgia, (2) Little Rock, (3) Texas. Members: (1) North Georgia, (2) South Georgia, (3) North Carolina. New members: (1) North Georgia, (2) West Oklahoma, (3) Western North Carolina.

North Alabama, South Georgia, and Texas went over the six-hundred mark in new members. Many others whose numbers are not so large represent just as much of worthy endeavor and have made, relatively, a larger per cent of increase.

Our total membership in both Baby and Junior Divisions is 61,817, with a gross increase of 16,231. In the Junior Division there is a gross increase of 12,855, with a net gain of 8,500, while the Baby Division has suffered a net loss of nearly 5,000. If to last year's membership the increase of this year's without loss should be added, we should have a grand total of more than 75,000 members. This loss can be located largely in two Conferences, with a notable decrease in a few others.

In nearly every instance this condition followed a change in the Conference officer. The retiring officer has no official records to turn over to her successor, thus producing for a time serious delay and ruptures in the work. Incomplete and irregular reports are also in a measure responsible. This state of the membership involves two vital questions that call for the studious attention of all who are responsible for and interested in the children's work—namely, Why this deplorable leakage? How stop it? One Conference Vice President writes of the loss, during the year, of fifteen organizations for lack of leaders. This, to a greater or less extent, is the prevailing condition in every Conference. However, the time and material spent upon these short-lived organizations should not be looked upon as lost or wasted, but as seed-sowing opportunities, or as bread cast upon the waters, which may return after many days.

The task of holding and welding this great army of young life into a full-powered force for God and the Church is one that calls for the best policies, the wisest plans, the most thoroughly prepared and devoted leadership that the Council and Conference workers together can furnish.

FOREIGN WORK, MISS MABEL HEAD, SECRETARY.

Going over the records for another year shows many causes for thanksgiving and praise, mingled with many regrets. God in his goodness has honored our little faith and has brought forth increase. May the Holy Spirit bring home to us in a very real way at the beginning of this year the consciousness that our own little faith and small self-denial have stood in the way of larger increase! God give to us a new, a deeper, an abiding conviction of the greatness of the cause in which we labor! It is ours to make known the love of our Father as revealed in the person and work of his Son, our Saviour and Elder Brother; ours as junior partners with God to dispel the darkness of ignorance and superstition and false faith, to break the power of evil habits and the bondage of guilt, to make an end of cruelty, to change sorrow into joy, to hallow childhood and ennoble youth, to glorify the home, to spread freedom, to kindle hope, to make known the riches of forgiveness and the joy of life in Jesus Christ. Is the cause great enough to demand our all? Dare we give less than our best to this partnership?

It is ours to walk with him in China, where there are many open doors. They have been long open, waiting for a few thousand dollars and others of our sisters to come in and possess more laud. Will we walk with him in China this year and let him teach us what the people mean to him?

It is ours to walk with him in Korea and speak as he bids us to a saddened people, to an eager host; ours to be and bring a friend. Will we really walk with him that way this year?

It is ours to walk with him in the Sunrise Kingdom and be his interpreter to a people eager for education, almost engulfed by the materialism of a new civilization, determined to advance, but whither? Will we in a very real way interpret him in Japan this year?

It is ours to walk with him in Brazil and to open the book of life, so long closed, to the multitude and to show them that it is Jesus, not the saints or Mary, who will be to them a Saviour. Will we in loving patience walk that way with him this year?

It is ours to walk with him in Cuba and challenge the attention of the masses who do not oppose, but are indifferent. Will we be so tremendously in earnest that indifference shall be broken down as we walk that way this year?

It is ours to walk with him in poor stricken Mexico, to remember that it required the blood of martyrs to plant the Church there, and it requires the blood of sacrifice to possess the whole land for Christ. Are we ready to walk that way with him?

If he opens the way for our representatives to go out, we shall be called to walk with him in interior Africa. Can we march that way to victory? Again I say: Dare we give less than our best to this partnership?

"As thou didst send me into the world, even so sent I them into the world. . . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that thou didst send me, and lovedst them, even as thou lovedst me."

CHINA.

The work in China may best be classified by districts—Shanghai, Huchow, and Soochow. Our faithful workers have continued steadfast, but have been able to make little advance this year, owing to lack of money and reënforcements.

Shanghai District.—At Sungkiang the Susan B. Wilson has had a good year. The school will do much more effective work and will have a larger influence by reason of the new building containing a chapel and six rooms. This we erected under the supervision of Miss Waters. It will be ready for occupancy at commencement. The money for the building was provided by the Baltimore and Florida Conferences. The Hayes-Wilkins School has had a good enrollment and has graduated six Bible women; three others left the school to do regular Bible woman's work. We should remember in special prayer the Woman's Missionary Society that meets in the chapel of the Bible school each month. We rejoice in the splendid work done by this school in the past, a work that has contributed largely to the whole mission, for nearly all our Bible women have been trained in this school. Yet with the higher educational standards in China and the new types of work to be done in upbuilding the Church, we need to raise the standard of our training and give more thorough courses. The city day schools (two) have had a prosperous year, both outgrowing their quarters. The five country day schools have prospered also. The evangelistic work in the country is under the supervision of Miss King, assisted by five regular Bible women and students from the Bible school. The evangelistic work in the other part of the Shanghai District and in Shanghai itself has not been so well developed. Last year Miss Waters was made District Secretary and given time to develop this work. She lives in Hongkew, and as soon as more helpers can be secured she will advance into new stations. Provision for more evangelistic work in the city should be made.

McTyeire School has had a difficult yet a successful year. The strike among the student body was a most trying experience, but out of it has come some good. One of the vital problems of mission work is the adjustment to the new freedom that comes with education, and another is the proper division of responsibility among native and foreign workers. Even with the strike and an increase in tuition the school had a good opening in the fall. A new property should be purchased for the

school in a more favorable location. The old property can be sold to advantage. There is need for better equipment, especially in the Science Department. Last year Miss Mitchell was appointed to do evangelistic work for the school, though not allowed time fully to develop it. This is a policy that should be pursued with all our schools, thus following up the work in the homes. This, however, should never be construed to mean a lessening of the duty of every teacher to reach out to the homes of the pupils and the community. Here also is a Missionary Society. One of its special objects this year will be the support of a day school and Bible woman in the country. The record of the McTyeire students studying in this country is excellent.

Huchow District.—Virginia School has had a good year, with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-three. The Music Department has grown steadily under Miss Troy. Miss Steger returned from her furlough in the fall much improved in health. Miss Bradshaw was given an additional six months for study and will take her M.A. degree at Peabody College this spring. The district Bible school in Huchow was very successful. This school is for the purpose of training women for work in the Churches and from the number selecting those who should have the training at Sungkiang and do regular evangelistic work. The educational policy of the mission proposes a similar district Bible school in Soochow. There are two day schools in the city and five in the country, enrolling two hundred and forty-two. The crying need is for teachers.

Soochow District.—Our largest and most varied work is in the Soochow District. All our workers rejoice over the new church in East Soochow. To have large schools without adequate church provision means a lessening of their real influence.

The Laura Haygood School had an increase in the student body, and good work has been done. A health festival was given in the early spring, and a very large audience was interested in this presentation of health problems. The lines of work touching home life have been strengthened. The Zok Teh and Ming Teh day schools have been larger this year. The Senah Staley Kindergarten has done beautiful work. We should be much in prayer for the recovery of Miss Margarita Park.

The work at the Mary Black Hospital has not reached quite such large numbers; but the staff has been more than busy, and we believe more careful work has been done. The clinic has been somewhat enlarged by holding several country clinics. This is a very open and needy field. More work has also been done in the general teaching of hygiene, care of babies, etc., and in helping to raise the health standards in our school. No line of our work needs attention more than the medical. Twenty-four years ago we began the work of training doctors. All these years the medical and nurse-training work has been carried on in a small way, waiting ever for reinforcements and equipment. Some splendid work has been done, and now comes the oppor-

tunity to go forward and put the medical education for women in East Central China on a firm basis with the highest standards. As successful pioneers, as the only ones to have provided such education for this territory these years past, it is surely ours to answer the challenge of the present need. Shall we go forward or close the one medical school in that large area?

Between East and West Soochow is the Kong Hong work—day school, kindergarten, and evangelistic work. This, in the mind of the mission, is the place for the district Bible school. Last year we reported the tumble-down condition of the rented property, yet the Council did not find it possible to purchase. Soon after the Council meeting it was found possible to rent the old ancestral Chinese home that they wanted to buy with the same opportunity to buy a year hence. Little has been done in remodeling the house to meet our needs. We again face the question of purchase.

In West Soochow there has been a good year, though one of many changes. Fewer pupils in the Davidson School means only that the unwise overcrowding has been discontinued. In the summer Miss Hackney went out to take charge of the Kindergarten Training School, and later Mrs. Lew (Miss Wu), who had finished at Columbia, majoring in kindergarten, went to her aid. The embroidery mission has not only reached more women, but is on a better financial basis. The boys' school and outstation work have advanced even with a depleted force of workers.

At Changchow the Humbert Home is in process of erection. The force has been strengthened so that two missionaries are at both East and North Gate. Further needs of the Soochow District seem to be more well-developed day schools.

During all these years of splendid educational work we have yet not developed a well-rounded system. It is our purpose not only to maintain schools where honest work is done and the Christian life exemplified, but our whole educational work should make a model system. Then, too, while we have produced some good teachers, our system has lacked good, thorough normal training. Is it not time that in one center at least we should furnish the best pedagogical training? The chosen few in China are truly a noble band. The ranks are thin to the breaking point. It is hard to get well-qualified native workers.

There lies before us every opportunity for victory in China. Are we equal to it?

Statistical Table.

Shanghai District:	Foreign Teachers.	Chinese Teachers.	Pupils.	Value of Property.
Shanghai: McTyeire.....	9	13	336	\$216,200
Day schools.....		1	30	
Kindergarten		1	12	
Hongkew: Day school.....	1	3	50	

	Foreign Teachers.	Chinese Teachers.	Pupils.	Value of Property.
Sungkiang: Susan B. Wilson School.	3	7	107	\$45,500
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School.....	1	6	42	
Two day schools.....		4	34	
Seven outstation day schools in district (one building).....		11	176	\$700
Soochow District:				
East Soochow.....				\$65,780
Laura Haygood.....	6	7	125	
Three day schools.....	1	2	109	
Mary Black Hospital.....	2	2 doctors.		
	1	2 nurses.	Patients, 7,402	
Medical School.....		12		
Nurse-Training School.....		12		
West Soochow.....				\$43,000
Davidson School.....	3	8	165	
Kindergarten Training School....	2	2	13	
Four kindergartens.....		4	125	
Embroidery mission.....			173 workers.	
Twelve day schools.....		22	556	
Changchow: East Gate.....	2	3	61	
North Gate.....	2	4	86	
Huchow District:				
Virginia School	5	6	123	
District Bible school	1		27	
Day schools (7)	2	12	242	
Bible women, 8.				
Missionaries, 7.				
Value of property, \$68,000.				
Missionaries in China.....				46
Bible women.....				56
Value of property.....				\$439,180
Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....				6,049
Probationers				10,404
Ordained preachers.....				30
Additions to Church this year.....				1,314
Special needs: At least ten new workers, enlargement of Medical School, property at Kong Hong, more well-established day schools, new plant for McTyeire.				

JAPAN.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Council opened January 1, 1916, and consists of the following: The support of the woman's evangelistic work in Japan, six missionaries, nineteen Bible women, six kinder-

gartens, and the Lambuth Memorial Training School for the training of Bible women.

The following action of the mission in Japan is both interesting and significant:

"To the Women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: The recent action of the Woman's Missionary Council at its session in April by which it was decided to take over the evangelistic work for Japanese women in connection with our Japan work has brought unqualified satisfaction to our entire mission. To us this action means a very great inflow of new courage and hope, because we see in prospect the new Bible Woman's Training School and also new evangelistic centers opened up in needy places, where the single women missionaries and the Japanese Bible women shall work together and reach out to all the outlying towns and villages. It also means the bringing to pass of that which will make this enlargement possible—viz., the dissemination of information concerning Japan to the women of our whole Church through the splendid plans inaugurated by the Woman's Missionary Council. We feel convinced that when our noble women come to know that we as a mission are responsible for the evangelization of a million Japanese women they will take no rest nor give the Lord our God rest until we have given the message of peace and hope in Jesus to the many sad homes and unsatisfied hearts awaiting these glad tidings.

"Very gratefully yours, S. E. Hager, Superintendent at Kobe; J. D. Meyer, Superintendent at Hiroshima; W. R. Weakley, Superintendent at Matsuyama; Ida M. Worth, Maud Bonnell, Annie Bell Williams, Nellie Bennett."

Later at the annual mission meeting the following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

"Whereas the Woman's Council of our Board of Missions have assumed the financial responsibility for a certain part of the work of our mission and have nominated six of our members as their representatives;

"Resolved: 1. That we hereby express our gratitude to the Council for thus enabling the Board to add to our forces at work for women and children, at which point we have long felt the weakness of our body.

"2. That we extend to these six workers a hearty welcome and assure them of our cordial coöperation in all their work.

"3. That we hereby express our thanks to the Board of Missions for thus responding to our frequent requests for strengthening our work among women and children."

KOREA.

In no mission field have the problems been more difficult or delicate than in Korea. The political situation has brought many new regulations that seem to be restrictions. It is necessary to employ Japanese teachers in our schools, but the right kind are hard to secure. Regulations regarding books, courses, etc., have changed frequently. Not

only the educational but the evangelistic work has been affected by the new conditions. Great wisdom is needed to meet these conditions, out of which better things will surely come. The testing time is here; and though we walk by faith for a time, victory will come.

Only one new worker went to this important field last year, though in January a nurse went to Songdo. Another nurse for Wonsan is imperative. Several very interesting events have occurred this year: the erection of the ladies' home at Choon Chun, the occupancy of the new school building in Seoul for the South Georgia Literary and Industrial Institute and one of the new Mary Helm School buildings, and the wonderful success of evangelistic work at the exposition in Seoul. The services were held in a Buddhist hall. Hundreds crowded the Protestant services, though the Buddhist hall had a very small attendance. The Better Babies' Movement and the Gospel Society have both gone steadily forward, each reaching a larger number this year. Misses Noyes, Tucker, and Smith, who have been home on furlough, have each had special courses of study. The schools have gained in self-support. Revival services have been held in all the schools.

Seoul.—The South Georgia Literary and Industrial Institute had a hard time in the early part of the year on account of no equipment in the building. The imperative need in this line has been met, and the school had a good opening in September. The Korean dormitory has proved very satisfactory. The girls are under the direction of a faithful Korean woman, Mrs. Kim. They do their own work. A course in domestic science has been added. The day schools have all prospered. The Water Mark School has united with the Presbyterian school, and both of us have profited by the union. The Mary Wikle Day School deserves special mention, for it has so largely contributed to the up-building of the Church. Mrs. Campbell still continues faithful in evangelistic work in the city. Miss Myers has had abundant labors in both the city and country sections. At the Conference last fall Miss Oliver was moved to Seoul and will share the large country work. We are grateful because of this strengthening of the work in and around the capital city. The old Carolina Institute property is being used as a residence for one of our missionaries, Rev. J. W. Hitch, as business conditions did not make it possible to sell without sacrifice. Under the direction of Miss Myers a form of domestic science work has been undertaken with the objective of furnishing lunches for traveling Koreans. Here too is a Woman's Missionary Society that meets twice a month.

Songdo.—Our largest work is in Songdo. Holston Institute has had an enrollment of one hundred and six. Nine graduated during the year. A self-help department has been added. These girls are trained in personal service and in self-denial. The Epworth League is doing well. During the year it has been necessary to move the large primary department back to Holston. It occupies the dining room and otherwise seriously interferes with the other school work. The one strong build-

ing appeal comes from Songdo—namely, a building for this primary department to cost about \$2,500 or \$3,000. The three primary day schools have enrolled over two hundred. Mothers' meetings have been organized in connection with these schools. The Mary Helm Bible School has had its best year. Will not some one who loves the cause follow the example of Mrs. Stagg and make possible a primary school building? The Joy Hardie Bible School had a smaller enrollment owing to the higher entrance requirement. Four were graduated. Miss Erwin, Miss Tinsley, and Miss Graham have done a large work visiting the country churches, supervising the day schools, and holding Bible classes.

Wonsan.—The Lucy Cuningim School and the other day schools in the country (five) have enrolled one hundred and eighty-four. The Alice Cobb Bible School enrolled thirty. One special cause for rejoicing has come to us in the work of the Gospel Society. The sending out of missionaries from their own number to travel in the hard places was made possible by the Bible women giving one-twentieth of their salaries, and other women give monthly. Miss Cooper has been the leader in this work. Perhaps the inspiration came partly from her own example of giving one-tenth of her salary each quarter to the support of home work. There is no more beautiful token of the real unity of our whole work than the regular gifts of deaconesses to the foreign work and of the foreign missionaries to the home work.

Choon Chun.—At the annual meeting the force of workers at Choon Chun was reduced to two, though the number of Bible women has been increased. Long trips in the country, supervision of day schools, holding Bible classes and evangelistic meetings keep these workers very busy. Surely one of the lessons for us to learn from our Korean sisters is to persist in a study of the Word, and another is to be faithful in telling the good news. More workers are needed. The number sent these last two years is not sufficient to fill the places of those who dropped out.

Statistical Table.

	Foreign Teachers.	Native Teachers	Enroll- ment.
Seoul District:			
Boarding school (1).....	2		103
Day schools (5).....		13	229
Bible school (1, union).....	5	2	29
Bible classes (3).....			983
Bible women, 11.			
Missionaries, 6.			
Value of property, \$24,000.			
Songdo District:			
Boarding school (1).....		10	106
Day schools (12).....		18	396

	Foreign Teachers.	Native Teachers.	Enroll- ment.
Bible schools (2).....	4	2	69
Bible classes (15).....			354
Bible women, 18.			
Missionaries, 7.			
Value of property, \$32,097.			

Wonsan District:

Day schools (7).....	1	12	174
Bible school (1).....	2	2	30
Bible classes (23).....			118
Bible women (13).....			337
Missionaries, 3.			
Value of property, \$57,014.75.			

Choon Chun District:

Day schools (5).....		10	183
Bible classes (15).....			339
Bible women, 8.			
Missionaries, 3.			
Value of property, \$3,000.			
Cost of maintenance for work in Korea, \$26,531.50.			

AFRICA.

Last spring two young women were accepted for Africa and given this year in Peabody College for Teachers for special preparation for their work. They have done splendid work during the year and have assisted at the Bethlehem House in Nashville. Both are eager to go. Some special gifts for Africa have been received during the year, a special one in memory of a little boy who had \$20 in his bank for Africa when God called him home. This has grown to \$200, and the parents are deeply interested in the opening of a school there.

BRAZIL.

The year has been one of struggle and uncertainty for our workers in Brazil. Keen disappointment has also come to them in the closing of the Rio school and the loss of several workers.

The hard business conditions due to the war added heavy burdens to those in charge of the schools. The fact that all schools kept open without extra help from us and had a successful year, though in several instances a smaller enrollment, is cause for much thanksgiving.

Several workers have dropped out of the work during the year, owing to health or personal reasons—Miss Lamb, Miss Pescud, Miss Virginia Howell, and Miss Fenley. On account of her health, Miss Barton had to come home before her regular furlough time.

Again and again the workers at the Panama Congress spoke of Chris-

tian education for girls as the most important work in the Latin fields. To be as effective as possible there must be regular visitation in the homes, and the school must become a real force in the community. Often our workers have been so overburdened with the regular routine that such extension work has suffered.

Rio.—When the action of the Council of 1915 to close the Rio Girls' School until a suitable place could be purchased reached the field, the workers felt that it was best to close in June instead of December. They believed that the attendance would continually lessen when the action became known to the Brazilian people. The school closed in June; but Miss Glenn, at the request of the Council, continued to live in Rio. For several weeks the new missionaries stayed there with her, but later were appointed to other schools. At no time during the year has there been money in the treasury for the purchase of property, though it can be bought at a lower price now, and exchange is still in our favor. Business conditions made the sale of the Juiz de Fora property inadvisable, though proper action was taken by the Legal Conference so that it may be sold at any time. The Rio school is the enterprise that should have first place in our consideration. Let us continue to pray and work for large gifts. It has been found very difficult to secure teachers for the day schools in the city. In the summer Miss Richmond, who had been detained in the homeland, returned and was given a hearty welcome at the People's Institute. Three Bible women have been at work in this part of the city under the direction of workers of the People's Institute.

Petropolis.—The enrollment at Petropolis has reached sixty-nine, and the boarding department has been full. The comfort of the household has been greatly increased by the building of three fireplaces. This school is registered and more than meets government standards.

Piracicaba.—The Piracicabano includes work from the kindergarten through a normal course. The usual high standard has been maintained this year. It has an excellent music department, and they ask the privilege of adding some simple work in domestic science. Good work is done in the Epworth League and Missionary Society. The typewriter sent last year has been a valuable asset.

Sao Paulo.—This great city, one of the real centers of influence, continues to have only one missionary, Miss Eldering. She has one evangelistic helper and three Bible women. A large number of families, mostly Italians, are reached by them. The call comes every year for reinforcements.

Ribeirao Preto.—This school includes primary and preparatory grades and music. The enrollment of one hundred and eighty and the collection of ninety-five per cent of the tuition fees certainly bespeak the esteem in which the school is held. Those in charge believe that the town would support a good kindergarten. The debt on the new building has been paid. Equipment and yard-grading are still needed. The school itself ought to furnish these things.

Bello Horizonte: The Isabella Hendrix School.—Certain repairs that were ordered two years ago have not yet been made, but it is probable that they will be soon. Owing to the great need of workers, Miss Fenley continued one year after her regular furlough was due, staying until Miss Christine came to take charge.

Juiz de Fora.—The property of the Mineiro has not been sold, owing to business depression. The town of Juiz de Fora is forging ahead, and our property is not decreasing in value. It has been rented to Granbery College and has been kept in good condition.

Porto Alegre.—One of the most difficult situations confronts us at Porto Alegre in our one station in the South Brazil Conference. Miss Lamb broke down and had to leave during the year. Miss Morgan, who had been on the field only a few months, held the school together until Miss Andrew arrived. Miss Andrew, with the two new workers, Misses Morgan and Kennedy, would be able to do splendid work if a suitable house could be obtained. The one we have rented at present is very inadequate. The importance of the station in the minds of the whole mission is shown in the fact that Petropolis and Ribeirao Preto agreed to a cut in their appropriation in order to increase that to Porto Alegre.

The day school connected with the Institutional Church has an enrollment of seventy-one. Four different nationalities are represented. The Junior League is worthy of mention. It meets regularly with good attendance, and this year it raised \$30 for missions. The Institutional Church is in the industrial part of the city, and large opportunities for service come to our missionary, Miss Kenney.

A movement for granting scholarships to Brazilian students in the best schools in the United States was started some few years ago. This year a group of educators, headed by our United States consul in Rio, has visited several of our schools and has urged that girls try for such scholarships. More and more students will come here for education, as Europe is largely closed to them now.

Statistical Table.

	North Amer- ican Teach- ers.	Brazilian Teachers.	Enroll- ment.	Value of Property.
Rio:				
Collegio Americano Fluminense (temporarily closed).				
Day school, Jardim Botânico (held in church).....		1	54	
People's Institute, one missionary for institutional work. Bible women, 3.				
Petropolis:				
Collegio Americano.....	5	5	69	\$ 50,000 00

	North Amer- ican Teach- ers.	Brazilian Teachers.	Enroll- ment.	Value of Property.
Piracicaba:				
Collegio Piracicabano.....	5	10	169	\$100,000 00
Ribeirao Preto.....	5	10	180	75,000 00
Bello Horizonte:				
Collegio Isabella Hendrix.....	4	7	112	83,333 33
Porto Alegre:				
Collegio Americano.....	3	7	75	
Institutional Church:				
One day school supported.....			71	
One missionary appointed to this work.				
Sao Paulo:				
Missionary, 1; evangelistic helper, 1.				
Bible women, 3.				
Cost of maintenance for 1915, \$37,783.80.				
Total number of missionaries, 28.				

CUBA.

It has been my privilege to be in Cuba twice since the last Council meeting. In November I visited both our schools, and in February I attended the Regional Conference in Havana and one day of the annual meeting of our own Conference. It was a real pleasure and profit thus to meet with the preachers and missionaries and with leaders of Protestant work all over the island. Any who doubt the importance of mission work in the island need only to come in close touch with conditions.

The eleven Protestant bodies at work on the island have not seriously overlapped each other, and not a great deal remains to be done to cover the whole island. The demand is for Christian education and larger development of lines of evangelistic work and Christian social service. The Church and schools have not made the impress that they could easily make by more visitation in the homes, more attention to social life, and community welfare of a general nature.

Cienfuegos: Eliza Bowman School.—The school at Cienfuegos shows a good increase this year. While the grading is still not wholly satisfactory, the teachers have made decided advancement these last two years. At present the school has a kindergarten and five grades. The social customs of Cuba make the higher education of girls a distinct problem. In a country where superficial work is countenanced, where inefficient teachers are employed for life, where the grade of examinations is often determined by the size of the tip given, where the courses are mostly on paper, establishing a thorough system of high-grade work requires patience. It is a work that most surely comes as a challenge to the Christian forces.

The kindergarten at Cienfuegos has proved popular. More kindergarten work is needed on the island. Several Cuban girls have already made inquiry about taking such a course. A good normal school and kindergarten training school are certainly needed. The building at Cienfuegos is not and cannot be made really suitable for a school building. It is now crowded. It is on a very noisy corner, and there is no adequate assembly room. The property has increased in value, and if the school is to continue along its present lines something will have to be done in the way of building. The mothers' club promises to do some good work. The sewing classes deserve commendation.

Matanzas.—The year has shown the largest enrollment since the school was moved to its present site on the hill. The *guagua* (wagonette) has been effectual in bringing a larger number of the day pupils. It starts off on the first trip about 7 A.M. and makes three trips before school opens. More pupils would come if time permitted another trip. This fact leads the teachers to suggest an auto. Two years ago the normal course was discontinued, owing to the fact that no more examinations would be given to the teachers. Last year the course was started. The grading of the school made it possible to crowd two years into one, and now eight girls are ready for the next two years. The course corresponds with our high school. The last two years require apparatus and equipment that will cost about \$500. It cannot be given without another teacher. This is the highest girls' school on this end of the island.

Decision regarding the best use of the Quinta Tosca property is yet to be made. Since my visit in the fall it has been rented to the pastor of the Church, who, together with Brother Neblett, superintendent, has done much work in cleaning up the place. There is fruit enough to supply the school and garden space enough largely to supply the vegetables if properly managed. Some such practical work as raising chickens is also possible. In the summer it was decided to introduce domestic science. At the time of the opening of school one of the missionaries could not take her place on account of sickness. This made it necessary for Miss Tydings, who was to do domestic science and visiting, to take one of the grades. This has made possible only a small beginning in domestic science, but we hope the desire for it will be established this year and that the development may come next year. Sewing is also taught.

In a field the size of Cuba it would seem that economy and efficiency demand a union or correlation of the different denominations for the higher educational work. Growing out of the Regional Conference in Havana, an interdenominational committee was appointed to study the field and make recommendations to the several Boards. One of the chief questions before this committee will be that of education, to determine how many and what schools are needed to give higher and technical education. It is the business of the State to educate; but it

is surely the business of the Mission Board to furnish Christian leadership for both schools and Churches.

Statistics.

	American Teachers.	Cuban Teachers.	Enroll- ment.	Value of Property.
Cienfuegos: Eliza Bowman School.....	5	4		\$40,000
Matanzas: Irene Toland School.....	6	3	99	25,000
Quinta Tosca				7,000
Missionaries, 7.				

Cost of maintenance for 1915, \$11,294.19.

MEXICO.

The policy of watchful waiting has continued throughout the year, and I trust that it has been also a time of earnest prayer for the Christian friends in Mexico who are being so tried by the continued state of revolution. We are deeply indebted to them for the care of property and the continuance of some part of the work.

Quite a number of the Mexican missionaries have been employed or have been studying. Misses Alfter, McCaughan, Booth, and Fox have been serving the home work; Miss Laura Wright is teaching in an industrial school for negroes near Baltimore; Miss Cunningham has taught two years in the Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso; Miss Tydings and Miss Wilson were sent to Cuba this year; Miss Hooper is teaching; Miss Brittingham resigned; Miss Varner is taking a nurse-training course; Misses Case, Fox, and Massey have taken special courses better to fit them for the work.

Mexico City.—Owing to the uncertainty of the return of our workers, the proposed union of educational work in the capital city, and the enormous rent we were paying, the building was given up in May and the furniture stored. Brother Elliott very kindly attended to all this for us. An earnest effort will be made to secure a meeting of official representatives of all Boards working in the city at the Regional Conference that will be had there in October or November. At that time some definite plans for union should be developed and submitted to the Boards. Our school, Mary Keener Institute, held a unique place in the educational work in the city in that it did most of its work in English.

Saltillo.—Work has gone on without interruption in Saltillo under the able supervision of Professor Olivares. The attendance has been as large as it has been for several years past—that is, quite up to the usual number for these grades. The normal work was discontinued when the missionaries left. The work in the Church has proved the earnestness and devotion of the people. Just at the close of the year the government sent out a statement requiring all who had claims against it to file the same early in January. Our property had been injured by the opening of certain streets. Miss Roberts returned and filed the claims in the proper way. This probably saved the school

about \$2,000. She found that a number of juniors in the normal course were eager to finish that they might secure positions. That course opened in February. Conditions make it unwise to take more boarders.

The day school teacher and Bible woman have done faithful work. Miss Roberts did much valuable work visiting the churches in Texas and also in preparing material for the Panama Congress. Her return to Mexico prevented her attendance at Panama. There has been quite a loss in furnishings, such as bedding, towels, table linen, etc., though no damage to property. The Mexican teachers did not live in the building.

San Luis Potosi.—Miss Bertha Prieto has had charge of the school and has done faithful work. Her sister taught for a while, but was offered a better position by the government. The enrollment has been larger than that of last year. Miss Quinones is now assisting in the work. They have only four grades in Spanish. A number of most insistent calls have come from Americans to reopen the school, which we hope may be done soon.

Durango.—MacDonell Institute was reopened early in the year by Miss Mercedes Fernandez—that is, she opened several grades of the Spanish school. She reports an enrollment of thirty-four pupils and many opportunities for service.

Guadalajara.—Again I must call attention to the faithful work of Miss Streater. To her we owe much. She has cared for the property even when mob-threatened, has disbursed the funds, supervised the two day schools and the Bible women. Only eternity will show the results of the tireless efforts of this servant of God, who remained in the midst of danger and in spite of orders from her government.

Chihuahua.—Last June the school that was opened in El Paso by our missionaries from Chihuahua was closed. In July they returned to Chihuahua and opened Palmore College with a good attendance. The hearts of the Church people were cheered by their return, and prospects were bright. School had gone on only a few months when they were ordered by the consul to leave. Chihuahua was Villa's headquarters and was considered unsafe. This was a keen disappointment to our workers and to the Christian friends in Chihuahua. Only a few weeks ago the severe storm almost destroyed the roof of one of our buildings.

Miss Lizzie Wilson has been the principal of Palmore College for twenty-two years. Under her leadership the school has done a great work. Many Christian men and women in all parts of Mexico have been educated there. She has labored unceasingly, ever considering what might be done to better the school. Though not well for several years past, it was not until early this year that the doctor gave his verdict that she must never again do continuous work or bear heavy responsibility. May her days be filled with the joy that belongs to one of His servants who has wrought so well!

The day of larger things is coming to Mexico. The force has been depleted in the last few years, but when work reopens a still larger

force will be needed. That day should be a day of preparedness for the Christian forces. Mexico for Christ should be our slogan. God grant that that day may soon come!

The cost of maintaining the work this year was \$7,023.76.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

In June, at the direction of the Council, I attended the Congress of Missions in San Francisco. It was a great meeting. The attendance numbered over two thousand, these women being registered from thirty-nine States and seven foreign countries. The program was good. Congress Day on the exposition grounds was said to have been the most successful special day held on the grounds up to that time. The Congress brought inspiration to hundreds of women on the Pacific Slope and made a real place for woman's work for missions in the minds of a large number of people.

BOARD OF MISSIONARY PREPARATION.

In December the Board of Missionary Preparation held a special two days' meeting to discuss the qualifications and preparation of women missionaries. About one hundred and fifty-one delegates and missionaries attended. Almost every phase of the subject was discussed and some very important conclusions reached. It was not a legislative body, so all its findings will be of no avail unless adopted by the Boards. Only a summary of these findings is here given. Every Board is urged

1. To adopt an adequate standard of preparation for its candidates.
2. To make some officers responsible for the cultivation of the field for candidates and for keeping in close touch with the candidates, helping them in their preparation.
3. To assign candidates to the field long enough in advance of their going to permit of special preparation for that field.
4. To exercise greater care in the selection of women of proper social, physical, mental, and spiritual qualifications.
5. To accept only college-trained women who have had experience and technical missionary preparation.
6. To demand the highest standard of professional training for teaching, nursing, medical work, etc.
7. To emphasize the need for nurses and women physicians. It was clearly shown that women on the field need to have had theological training; so theological schools were urged to open their courses to women. In order to give the college student a knowledge of the greatest enterprise, colleges were urged to add courses in missions, comparative religion, and sociology.

The standards of missionary training schools was freely discussed, and it was agreed (1) that all such training schools should have a faculty equal in every respect to that of a first-class normal school or college; (2) that high school education should be required for entrance;

(3) that as thorough work should be done as in any high-grade school. The annual report of the Board of Missionary Preparation should be in the hands of leaders in Church work and volunteers.

CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS OF NORTH AMERICA.

This conference is held annually in January and is the place where leaders in all denominations come together for a discussion of the most vital problems of administrative work. It is not an open meeting. Many of the outstanding problems of mission work cannot be solved by any one denomination alone. Combined effort can be secured at a meeting like this. It is one of the most important meetings held in this country.

PANAMA CONGRESS.

The Panama Congress was just in the making a year ago. The eight commissions were earnestly at work on their reports, and delegates were being appointed. On February 10 the Congress was called to order in Panama. It was a wonderful meeting, great in power. Each day we realized that God was answering the prayers of hundreds of Christians. The day sessions, morning and afternoon, were given to a discussion of the Commission reports, as follows: Survey and Occupation, Message and Method, Education, Literature, Woman's Work, the Church in the Field, Unity and Coöperation, the Home Base. One afternoon was given to a discussion of the preparation of missionaries for work among the Latin people. The morning and afternoon sessions were given to a discussion of Commission reports and the night services to inspirational addresses. The delegates numbered about three hundred—one hundred and fifty-nine from North America, Great Britain, and Canada, and one hundred and forty-seven from the Latin countries.

The conference was carried on in three languages—English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Miss Belle H. Bennett, Chairman of the Commission on Woman's Work, presented the splendid report of that Commission. It was highly commended and will be a distinct contribution to the literature on Latin America. The books and other literature on the Latin countries give almost nothing about the women of those lands. This report was not discussed wholly from the standpoint of the Woman's Missionary Society, but, like all other reports, was discussed by men and women. All through the Congress emphasis was laid on the work for women, the large amount of work that can be done only by women, and the imperative need of reaching larger numbers of them. Our Church furnished also the chairman of the Commission on Literature, whose report was very interesting.

The fellowship with this large number of leaders, the prevailing spirit of earnest prayer, the counseling together about the vital questions, the earnest consideration of advancing adequately to occupy the whole field meant more than can be expressed by your delegates. It ought to hearten every missionary, for surely out of it will come larger

results. The Congress was not a legislative body, but it was felt that some group of workers must be given the task of trying to bring to pass such of the suggestions as might be adopted by the Boards. To that end the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America, that arranged for the Congress, was enlarged so that it would represent all the Boards. It will do its work in subcommittees on survey and occupation, literature, education, and others that may be needed. Your Secretary of Foreign Work is a member of that committee. The committee will be further enlarged by the addition of coöpted members.

The reports of the commissions and the record of the discussions will be published in three volumes that should be in every auxiliary for reference. The price is \$2.50. Order from the Missionary Education Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Congress was followed by Regional Conferences, four in South America, one in Havana, one in Porto Rico, and later one will be held in Mexico. In these conferences the special problem of that field could be considered in a more detailed way than at Panama.

The Woman's Missionary Council was represented only at the Havana Conference. A Committee on Conference in Cuba was appointed to continue a study of the field and to recommend to the Board what should be done adequately to possess the land. Miss Markey is our representative on that committee. Such a study of the field ought not only to prevent overlapping, but should bring about the highest degree of efficiency in the work.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

It is my painful duty to report our great loss at Scarritt. The endowment fund had been built up during the years by the faithful missionary women throughout the Church. It amounted to \$146,584.20. Of this amount, \$55,191.89 was in endowed scholarships, the interest of which paid for candidates in training, \$2,593.32 was a loan fund that greatly aided students, and \$2,000 had been given for a new building. The school is controlled by a Board of Managers; the Secretaries of the Home and of the Foreign Work are *ex officio* members. The members of the Board are approved by the Woman's Missionary Council, and a report of its proceedings is made annually to this body. In November we were shocked by a telegram saying that there had been irregularity in the handling of the funds. The Treasurer of the Board of Managers had made regular reports in good form, and the books had been properly audited; nevertheless, it developed upon investigation that the greater part of the endowment fund was gone. No definite figures can be given even yet, but possibly \$11,000 has been saved. The case was taken up by the Grand Jury, and the Treasurer was indicted. His trial is set for this spring. We face the question of the future of the school, our one institution for the training of missionaries. The lot, building, and furnishings were not involved. God give us wisdom to do the best thing!

STATISTICS OF FOREIGN WORK, 1915.

	Missionaries.	Native and Foreign Helpers.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Total Pupils.
China.....	46	128	9	942	40	1,481	2,428
Korea.....	22	69	2	209	30	982	1,191
Brazil.....	25	41	5	605	2	125	730
Mexico*.....	5	12	1	.....	4	335	335
Cuba.....	7	7	2	178	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	105	257	19	1,984	76	2,933	4,679

	Bible Women.	Bible Schools.	Hospitals.	Patients During Year.	Value of Property Owned by Board.
China.....	56	2	1	7,402	\$ 459,180
Korea.....	50	4	.....	.....	116,112
Brazil.....	6	.....	.....	.....	308,300
Mexico*.....	3	.....	.....	.....	303,000
Cuba.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72,000
Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100,000
Total.....	115	6	1	7,402	\$1,338,592

*This represents only a small fraction of the work that has been carried on during the year.

HOME WORK, MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, SECRETARY.

The year 1915 records no new enterprises inaugurated in the home work, but it does tell of a deepening of the stakes and faithful service. The deficit in the treasury of the Home Department prohibited enlargement, despite the multiplied calls to service. We are glad to report that economic management and strenuous living have enabled us to pay debts amounting to \$39,000, which is cause for great rejoicing and is an earnest of the possibility of answering some of the pressing calls in the future.

SCHOOLS.

A great part of home mission endeavor has been along educational lines. Twelve schools, with an enrollment of 2,120, have been maintained during the year. These schools fall under different divisions of work, and the reports of the same will be found in their natural setting. Listed, they are: Two for mountain boys and girls, four for Japanese on the Pacific Coast, two for Cubans and Americans on the Florida Coast, one for Mexicans on the Texas border, one for dependent girls, one for delinquent girls, and one for the industrial training of negroes.

The total cost for the maintenance of these schools to the Council was \$66,977.79, something more than \$31.59 *per capita*.

FOREIGN WORK.**PACIFIC COAST.**

The Woman's Missionary Council maintains work for Orientals on the Pacific Coast as well as across the ocean.

JAPANESE WORK.*Alameda, Cal.*

Our largest and best-organized mission is located at Alameda, Cal., where Mary Helm Hall furnishes the chapel for a congregation of one hundred and fifty, a schoolroom which provides desks for fifty, and a kindergarten room. It also furnishes a home for the pastor and a hall for social gatherings for the Japanese. During the year Rev. J. R. Fujii came from Japan to pastor our flock at Alameda. He has already made for himself a home in the hearts of the more than fifty Church members, who look to him for guidance. The Sunday school, with an enrollment of one hundred and ten, the woman's Bible study class, with an enrollment of fifty, and the men's Bible study class, with an enrollment of twelve, make one hundred and seventy-two Bible students gathered weekly at Mary Helm Hall. Twenty-six little Jap-

STATISTICAL RECORD OF HOME MISSION SCHOOLS.

School.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Students.	Number of Departments.	Amount Fees Remitted to Council Treasurer.	Cost to Council for Current Expenses Above Fees.	Money Paid by Students or Friends.	Value of Property.
MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS:							
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	14	316	6	\$ 4,255 00	\$12,144 90	.....	\$ 75,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	17	263	8	3,000 00	8,262 00	.....	75,000 00
FLORIDA COAST:							
Wolf Mission School, Tampa, Fla.....	3	250	6	205 75	2,519 44	.....	8,000 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	20	485	4	3,227 27	11,704 19	.....	50,575 00
PACIFIC COAST:							
Japanese night school, Alameda, Cal.....	2	51	.....	.....	360 00	.....	11,900 00
Japanese primary, Alameda, Cal.....	12	50	.....	.....	360 00	.....	.....
Japanese kindergarten, Alameda, Cal.....	1	26	.....	.....	360 00	.....	.....
Japanese kindergarten, Oakland, Cal.....	1	26	.....	.....	360 00	.....	.....
DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT:							
Vashti Institute, Thomasville, Ga. (for friendless girls).....	8	115	3	.....	7,200 00	\$6,070 00	30,000 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex. (for unfortunate girls).....	6	95	6	.....	9,873 36	1,485 26	84,673 00
NEGRO INDUSTRIAL:							
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.	4	136	1	.....	2,701 09	.....	33,317 00
MEXICAN:							
Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.....	17	307	3	1,200 00	11,121 81	.....	.....
Total.....	95	2,120	37	\$11,888 02	\$66,977 70	\$7,555 26	\$368,465 00

anese were enrolled in the kindergarten, with Miss Nesine Marcks as teacher. The day school enrolled fifty. The five hours of the morning session are devoted to the children for lower grades in English, while the afternoon hours are given to the older Japanese children who are attending the public schools. The studies of the afternoon are in the Japanese language. Fifty-one Japanese men were enrolled in the night school. This school prepares the Japanese not only to speak English for commercial and industrial purposes, but gives us a chance to teach them the gospel truth. It was our pleasure during the year to see these four schools in operation. The children were alert, and the ease with which they sang first Japanese and then English songs or with which they read English and Japanese or mastered the elements of arithmetic would gratify the average public school teacher. There is a deep spiritual atmosphere about the Mary Helm Hall Church services, and we are told by missionaries from Japan that this is one of our most spiritual Japanese Churches. This Alameda work costs the Council \$2,300 annually.

Oakland.

Rev. and Mrs. Ozaki continue in charge of our mission in Oakland. The congregation is small, the Sunday school numbering thirty-six. Most of the members are Japanese men. The attractive feature of Oakland is the kindergarten, with Mrs. Ozaki in charge. Twenty-three children were enrolled during the year, and of these only one came from a Christian home. This is the only Japanese kindergarten in Oakland, and children come for ten blocks to get the benefit of what it offers. We are not properly housed at Oakland; the building does not appeal to those who come to inquire about the "Jesus doctrine." Brother Ozaki serves, in connection with Oakland, the Dinube Church, where a congregation is developed. The cost of the Oakland work, including kindergarten, pastor, rent of property, etc., for 1915, was \$1,410.

Walnut Grove.

Rev. Keiichi Imai has charge of the Walnut Grove Circuit, which includes Walnut Grove and Isleton. A Bible study class is held at Isleton every week, on Saturday, and these services they call "The Bible School." The congregations have been small, but deeply in earnest. Fire at both Walnut and Isleton destroyed the only houses we could rent for our Church service, and the work has been handicapped for this reason. Nearly four thousand Japanese are engaged in farming in Sacramento County, and when it was necessary to build at Walnut Grove they pleaded that we would enlarge the work so that a boarding school could be established and these farmers might have an opportunity to give their children Christian education. We were unable to enter this inviting door. The cost of this work is \$600 per annum. The numerical result of this Japanese work in 1915 is found in thirteen

baptisms; the spiritual results are found in the social and mental development and character-building which has been done.

KOREAN WORK.

This work at San Francisco has enjoyed prosperity this year for the simple reason that we have been able to rent property which is accommodated to our needs. We now have a room large enough for our Korean congregation. The Korean Church members themselves keep this room in order and have given the furnishings for the same. The pictures which adorn the walls and the general appearance show that our converts have not only a conception of spiritual value, but æsthetic taste as well. Rev. David Lee continues as pastor of the congregation. He also acts as port missionary at Angel Island for the people of his own race. We have promise of larger numbers for this Korean congregation from the fact that many of our men have married during the year and are permanently located in San Francisco. A community of Korean homes is centering about the church, and the opportunity for work is thus magnified. The Korean Circuit, listed on our books as the Sacramento Circuit, covers five different points where Sunday schools are held and Epworth Leagues are organized. The pastor, Rev. S. W. Whang, visits in the homes and knows intimately the people to whom he is carrying the evangelistic message. Twenty Koreans were baptized into the Church of God during the past year. The cost of this Korean work, including rents and salaries, is \$1,890.

Rev. William Acton and his godly wife continue as superintendents of this Oriental work. They are recognized as the friends of the Orientals and are known and loved by these people.

The total cost of our work among the Orientals on the Pacific Coast for 1915, including salaries for superintendents and native workers, upkeep of property, taxes, rents, and incidentals, was \$8,250. This work was supported by the moneys collected during the Week of Prayer.

MEXICAN WORK.

Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

The Congress on Christian Work in Latin America has thrown open to the Anglo-Saxon Christian world a survey of the immense fields of Latin America, and the great need there is of an aggressive evangelistic campaign. This campaign abroad cannot be more aggressive than is required among the Latin Americans in the United States. Nearly half a million Mexicans are found in Texas alone, and there are more in the States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California than there are in the two small republics of Porto Rico and Panama, and there are more than in the whole republic of Honduras. As the gospel is given to these Latin Americans on Anglo-Saxon soil, it will go back to the republics of the South. The message and the method suggested at the Panama Congress should become the message and

method in the United States. Churches, schools, evangelistic enterprises, a social gospel given by earnest-hearted, trained Christian men and women, are demanded. We are making a beginning along this line at Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex. Last year there were fifteen teachers employed. Seven of these were Americans, five were Mexicans, and three were student helpers. Three hundred and seven children were enrolled. The campus covers sixteen acres, and there are seven buildings on it. The needs at this place are very apparent. A new administration building that furnishes dormitories for boys and for girls is an absolute need. General repairs on the buildings already in service and a refurnishing of the dormitory department seem imperative. The records of the graduate students of this school give abiding satisfaction and inspire us to larger service. The five Mexican teachers who have helped to make the record of this year are graduates of this school, and they bring to it all of the charm of the Latin-American spirit and the love and enthusiasm of the children of God. So long as these young women are a part of the work at Holding Institute the pioneer missionary and founder, Miss Nannie Holding, will live, for these are largely the products of her own hand under God's guidance.

The difficulties in Mexico and the hard times among the Mexican people of Texas have brought many problems to the administrative head of Holding Institute. His heart would take into the institution the many who knock, but the inability to finance a larger plant is ever present. The Council has put into the maintenance of this institution for 1915 \$11,121.81, which includes \$1,321 for repairs.

Homer Toberman Clinic, Los Angeles, Cal.

A distinctive settlement work with marked religious impress and medical touch has been maintained at Homer Toberman Clinic and Mission, at Los Angeles. Through the faithful services of the deaconesses a group of believers has been created. Some fifty men and women are gathered there week after week in the night school studying English. Some part of this night school work prepares the men for entrance into citizenship. The deaconesses reach one hundred and fifty families, and as a result of the effort of the Sabbath school a Church society has been organized and a pastor secured. There are difficulties in this field, as in all mission centers, but the assurance that the Christ is in the lead abides when results like this are secured. The cost to the Council for the work in Los Angeles is \$1,800.

Owing to a change of community and to the enactment of laws controlling properties, the Homer Toberman Hospital was closed three years ago. An effort was made to use the property as a coöperative home for working girls. This plan was found impracticable, and it is now our purpose to dispose of this property and to reinvest the moneys where they can continue to do a real missionary work in the city of Los Angeles. The property has been recently repaired and papered and placed on the market for sale.

It seems but fair, when we speak of the Mexican work, to refer to the Mexicans who are being reached through the settlements at San Antonio, Dallas, Thurber, and Fort Worth, Tex. The total forces working for Mexicans through the Woman's Missionary Council are twenty-six deaconesses, teachers, and missionaries.

FLORIDA COAST.

Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

This school has had a total enrollment of four hundred and eighty-five students, three hundred and forty of whom were in the Preparatory Department and forty-five in the Sub-Cuban School. The attendance at the school has not been so large as in former years, because of the labor disturbances and the fact that the public school system at Key West is enlarged, more nearly meeting the needs of the community. Twenty-one teachers have been employed in the four departments of our school. During the year we were able to purchase the adjoining corner lot, with a cottage which serves as a dormitory for the boys. This property, purchased and repaired at a cost of \$4,500, was secured with funds raised during the Week of Prayer two years ago. It completes our ownership of the entire block.

The mothers' club, which has been an outgrowth of the Ruth Hargrove School, has numbered a hundred during the year. The choral club and the lyceum have continued to be factors in the community uplift. The tuition fees paid by the students and forwarded to the general treasury amounted to \$3,227.27. There have been much-needed repairs during the year, such as reroofing, renewing the columns, and reflooring the main building. We were unfortunate enough to lose some of the school funds through the failure of a bank at Key West.

Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

This school has passed through a period of transition. The development of the public school system for Cubans at Ybor Station has made our primary school unnecessary. Readjustment of the lines of work at this important center must be effected. The kindergarten, under Miss Janita Hettenhausen, has grown in numbers and usefulness, and the child life of this section has been bettered by her efforts. The various clubs for boys and girls and the Church relation through the Sunday school, Leagues, mothers' clubs, and missionary societies have been some of the features of the good work this year. The total expenditure was \$2,734.47. This included insurance, kindergarten equipment, repairs, and painting. Miss Lotie Adams and our own daughter, Miss Estrella Delgado, have been faithful and efficient in that which was committed to their care.

West Tampa, Fla.

The work at West Tampa has enjoyed the supervision of Miss Lillie Fox, a missionary to Mexico, loaned by the Foreign Department to the

Home, while the work in Mexico cannot be prosecuted. Miss Fox's knowledge of Spanish, her ready understanding of the Cuban temperament, and her abiding love for Latin people have peculiarly fitted her for this work. Miss Jane Owens has continued in charge of the kindergarten, which has enrolled some twenty-six children during the year. A large part of the work at West Tampa has been the clinic, at which Miss Fox has been able to interpret. The great demand for this center is a trained nurse. In October our beloved Mrs. Emelina Valdes Fernandez was promoted from service here to work beyond. Since the inception of this West Tampa work she had been a living part of it, and we mourn her going.

The Sabbath school, prayer meeting, friendly visiting, and other forms of activity have been stressed as heretofore. The cost of this work for 1915 was \$1,461.64.

GULF COAST.

Biloxi, Miss.

The Wesley House at Biloxi, Miss., has enjoyed a year of continuous growth under the direction of Deaconess Mary Hasler. Seventy-two children were enrolled in the kindergarten, one hundred and seventy-five in the Sunday school, and many children have been cared for in the day nursery. The activities listed at this center cover night school, kindergarten, sewing classes, industrial clubs, mothers' meetings, missionary societies, and other activities of the Church. The missionary society at the Wesley House held a meeting every day of the Week of Prayer, and \$7.25 was the collection and mark of self-denial from the women who belong to this organization. Main Street Church, in Biloxi, and other Mississippi organizations have demonstrated interest in this work. During the memorable storm in the early fall the Wesley House cared for fifty of the fisher folk. The story of that night and the quieting that came to the restless group through the study of God's Word and the leading in prayer and hymn is a memory that will not soon pass away from the minds of those who enjoyed the hospitality of that Wesley House for that season. The cost for the maintenance of this work was \$1,860. A note of a thousand dollars on the purchase price of the property, for which the Mississippi Conference Society made provision, was raised during the year.

Gulfport, Miss.

Because of the war, the Seaman's Rest cared for one-half the usual number of sailors that come to this center for rest and recreation. Notwithstanding this, there were 6,311 visits; forty-two religious services were held, at which five hundred and ninety-four were listed as being present. With the closing of the war and the reestablishment of commerce, the Seaman's Rest will be needed in a larger way than it has been in the past. Rev. W. T. Griffin, the superintendent, has been in

labors abundant, and those sailors who have remained on land longer than usual and have found rest and recreation at this center have reason to call him "beloved brother." The Council expended on this work \$879.96. The Mississippi Conference shares in its support.

New Orleans, La.

St. Mark's Hall has had a year of large activity. The medical work has grown, and a kindergarten was introduced during the year. The Camp Fire Girls and the friendly visiting done by Miss Eliza Iles and the other workers tell a story of loving service. The growth of the Italian Church, under the pastorate of Mr. Romano, has been gratifying. The Council is in no sense responsible for the upkeep of the Church department of the work, but it does provide the building in which the services are held, and every missionary and deaconess connected with the institution is an agent for the Church. In other words, the activities of St. Mark's Hall result in its evangelistic enlargement and usefulness. The Council expended on this work \$3,017.50 in 1915. An adequate building is a great need at St. Mark's Hall.

Mary Werlein Mission served faithfully the Lord's poor, the down-and-out, and the needy men and women during 1915. Mrs. Lily Meekin was assisted in this work by Miss Ruth Harper, and together they were workmen that needed not to be ashamed. Mrs. Meekin, as the result of a street car accident, closed her missionary service in New Orleans in January. God took her, and up yonder she serves, we know not where nor how, but we know that for her all life is service. New Orleans will miss her. The cost to the Council for the Mary Werlein Mission is \$360.

FRENCH WORK, HOUMA, LA.

Our French work has scored a year of growth. The storm impoverished the poor French people who live in this section, but it did not shake the faith of the faithful nor the activities of the missionaries. Deaconess Kate Walker has visited among the people and has helped in the religious services. She has had part with the young life of the community, and "they rise up and call her blessed."

IMMIGRATION, GALVESTON, TEX.

Our port missionary at Galveston reports a smaller number of foreign-born people than usual entering that port. While the number of individuals aided has been less because of the European war, the stranded foreigners, those who have needed help in getting locations and other forms of work, have had his personal service, and he reports a busy year. Those who see his daily work insist that, despite the fact that there is not the old-time rush, he is too useful to the foreigners in Texas to be removed from his important post.

MINES.

Welch, W. Va.

Deaconesses Mattie Cunningham and Daisy Duncan have gone in and out among the mining people of the Bluefield Coal Fields of West Virginia. Their activities have extended to five mining towns. By systematizing time friendly visits are made, the sick are nursed, Sabbath schools have been organized and assisted, and missionary societies, sewing classes, and other social lines of endeavor have been prosecuted. They report as a result of the year's work that some of the women in the mothers' clubs declare that they are "better neighbors, better friends, and better wives."

Jenkins, Ky.

The kindergarten, under the direction of our missionary, Miss Julia Crutchfield, has been continued at the coal fields near Jenkins through the year. The games, clean play, instruction in truth and the beautiful have been helpful to these little people. They have gone back into their homes with the impression which will make for character betterment. Their friendly visiting in the homes of the mining people has furnished an opportunity for evangelistic touch.

McAlester District.

The work at these coal fields has taken on real life. In midsummer Deaconess Laura Harris went to Hartshorne, her new appointment. There are six neighboring towns, any one of which would furnish a good center for settlement work. The choice of location was something of a puzzle. The local District Board decided upon Hartshorne, and so we have now a beginning of what will come to be a Wesley House. The children's clubs and sewing classes are already at work, and the opportunity to teach English to the men and women is opening up. One worker in a field as large as this feels handicapped by its very size and opportunity, and it is impossible to have a harvest commensurate with the desire of an earnest heart. The work has had one year of continuous effort, and the second year will bring development worthy the faith and effort of the deaconess and women on the Board.

Thurber, Tex.

Through the two workers Marston Hall, at Thurber, has had an opportunity to serve humanity in various lines. A day school for the children who are not ready for the public schools, a kindergarten in the afternoon for the Italian and Mexican children, a night school for the men who want to learn English, friendly visiting, nursing the sick, the holding of missionary meetings—every line that comes to a busy settlement in the city is opening up in the coal fields of Thurber.

Flat River, Mo.

One of the largest and most difficult fields of service that have been entered by our deaconesses is offered in the Lead Belt of Missouri. There are ten foreign settlements here. It is impossible for two women to touch the life of ten distinct communities, and yet the human need and opportunity for service would tempt two workers to go forward. They have confined themselves to friendly visiting and sewing clubs, teaching English, and magnifying the Church's opportunity. A great need in this Lead Belt is a center in each of these ten communities where the deaconesses can meet the groups of foreigners at stated seasons. This is a development which will come according to the liberality of the Church and the fidelity of the deaconesses who are appointed to labor in the fields so white unto the harvest.

These five settlements in mining sections, with eight deaconesses, should rest much upon the hearts of our women. Because of the miners' toil and endurance, the people throughout this great country are kept warm in winter. Their gratitude should make us glad to serve in return.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

We are more and more coming to speak of the Spanish-speaking people as "Latin Americans" and of those who use the Semitic language as "Orientals." The people of the mountains, of the Appalachian Range, are referred to as the real Anglo-Saxons. Perhaps no field is more inviting to the philanthropist or the missionary than the mountains. There is much ambition among the young people; they respond readily, and results in the type of man and woman developed have been most gratifying.

SUE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.

This has been a year of changes for Sue Bennett School. Because of great need of rest and study, the Council gave a year's leave of absence to Prof. J. C. Lewis, the long-time principal of this school. Rev. J. E. Savage was secured as acting principal, and Dr. Katherine Jackson French was employed as dean. These two have worked with a skill and fidelity that have been most gratifying to the women of the Church who stand back of this institution. Three hundred and sixteen students have been enrolled. Through the munificence of the Kentucky Conference a stereopticon has been given to the school. This has been most helpful, not only as a wholesome diversion, but as a means of instruction. Only slight improvements and repairs were provided this year for Sue Bennett. The great need for the chapel continues. The cost for current expenses of this institution to the Council was \$12,144.90, plus the fees of the student body, \$4,255.

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.

Brevard Institute carried eight departments of work last year, enrolled two hundred and sixty-five individual students, and employed

seventeen teachers. This enrollment includes the attendance upon the summer school, which has been inaugurated for those who desire to continue study during the vacation days or who can come only at that season of the year. The courses given were: Music, commercial, domestic art, carpentry, household economics, academic, normal, agriculture. Through the generosity of the Western North Carolina Conference the new administration building has been partially furnished. The windows are shaded, and the office, reception room, and domestic science furnishings have been secured. Through the generosity of an individual friend, machinery and tools have been added to the carpentry department, which will make it more efficient. The vocational training given at this school makes an interesting appeal not only to mountain boys and girls, but to young people of the towns as well. The health of the student body has been good. The cost to the Council for current expenses of this institution in 1915 was \$8,262.

DEPENDENT GIRLS.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, THOMASVILLE, GA.

This, our one institution for dependent girls over twelve years of age, enrolled last year one hundred and fifteen. Forty-three of these girls were placed there as wards of individuals or organizations other than our own. Twelve were sent to us from the juvenile courts. This does not mean that they were culprits or wayward, but that they were lifted from environments which would demoralize or because there was no other home for them. It is interesting to note that thirty-five of the student body came from twelve other States besides Georgia. It is difficult to conceive how a student body gathered from such different homes and types could be in a large sense a self-governing body; but this is accomplished at Vashti largely through conferences, when a review of the day's work is made possible.

An earnest effort is made to prepare the girls for economic independence when they go from this home. Groups of girls are given the housekeeping to do for a season, which teaches a sense of responsibility not only for the expenditures of money, but of the use of time and material, and it places a standard of efficiency on speed and the character of work turned out. A small dairy forms a part of this work. Nineteen cows are milked daily, and the girls do the milking, bottling, and delivering. The work is divided into sections, so that each girl not only gets a round training, but she has an opportunity to test her ability and talents.

We need very greatly the new building for which appeal was made in 1914. Until that sum can be augmented, it will be impossible to put up the type of building which is needed. The amount of money paid by the General Treasurer for current expenses to this school last year was \$7,200. It is difficult for a girl to leave Vashti without knowing how to become a Christian.

DELINQUENT GIRLS.

VIRGINIA K. JOHNSON HOME, DALLAS, TEX.

An almost complete change of faculty has taken place at the Virginia Johnson Home and School during the past year. Mrs. O. M. Abbott, for more than five years the principal, resigned early in 1915. The Council was fortunate in securing Mrs. M. L. Stone, who had been a most successful principal of this school in the past. During the year ninety-one girls were admitted, and twenty-five babies were born. The upkeep of this building is expensive. The building is too large for the close personal supervision and companionship that is necessary for the reestablishment of character.

The records again draw our attention to the fact that the mentality of this type of girl is low and that a large majority come from the tenant class of farmers. A large per cent of the falls have occurred going to or from protracted meetings in the country. Involved as all these problems are, we clearly see that the efficient method of relieving this sad blot on our civilization is through the enactment of laws that prevent the marriage of the unfit and segregate those who need protection. Our little repair work must be done, but repairing can never heal or remove the scar. Despite these facts, there are not lacking stories of the rehabilitation of character among the young women who have been in this institution.

The cost last year to the Council was \$9,873.36, and \$1,480 of this amount was necessary for the payment of outstanding and long-hanging indebtedness.

DOOR OF HOPE, MACON, GA.

Mrs. F. M. Knowles, for many years matron of the Door of Hope, reports twenty-eight girls cared for during the year. Of the eighteen girls leaving the Home, ten went to work or returned to their own homes, three were married, and five were removed to a different home. Ten babies were born during the year.

We have followed the workings of these two institutions closely during the past year. The matron of this smaller Home writes that she never loses a girl if she can be retained in the Home the full two years. She exacts that they will only remain until their babies are twelve months old. The responsibility placed upon them for the care of their babies serves as an incentive to energy. It also makes them more ready to remain in the confinement of the Home. The Council made an appropriation of \$1,700 to this work at its last session.

NEGRO WORK.

PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA.

The record of Paine College for 1915 is checkered. Every effort was made to secure a strong, true matron. After much search, this woman was found; but the climate and other conditions prostrated her, so that

after a few months she was forced to resign. Fortunately, Miss Rossie Thompson, who served the previous year as matron, kindly consented to take charge of one portion of the matron's work; and Miss Vivian Young, the domestic arts teacher, assumed the direction of the culinary department. This made a happy combination, but it has been hard on both teachers. We have been fortunate in securing Miss Young as a teacher of domestic science and Mrs. Callie B. Napier as a teacher of sewing. Fifty-four girls have boarded in Bennett Hall, and one hundred and thirty-six were under instruction during the year. The older students have had some part in the social service of the Bethlehem House as a part of their training and preparation for future service. The difficulty of securing well-equipped, well-prepared women for this all-important work is apparent from the frequent changes which we have had at Paine Annex for the last four years. Last year we expended \$2,701.09 on this work.

AUGUSTA (GA.) BETHLEHEM HOUSE.

The Augusta Bethlehem House continues to hold an important place in the hearts of the people of Augusta. The kindergarten, under the direction of Miss Ethel Dickerson, who received her training at Fisk University and in social service at the Nashville Bethlehem House, has not only assisted in the development of the children who come to her kindergarten, but has by friendly help assisted in other lines of work. Miss Claudia Wannamaker, whose personality appeals so readily, has directed the club forces which make for character-building and intellectual inspiration; while Miss Mary Meriwether as supervisor has had a strong, guiding hand over the whole work. Students from Paine, Walker Baptist, and Haynes Colleges are helped at the Bethlehem House to understand the obligations to society that education and advantage bring. From this student body leaders for the negro race must go out trained and prepared to touch the social and religious side of the people with whom they live. The far-reaching influence of the Bethlehem House of Augusta is also known in the fact that the residents are called upon frequently for a story hour or some inspirational address by the public school principals. We need a building where residents may live in the community. Will not the generosity of some who are especially interested in the development of the African make this house possible?

NASHVILLE (TENN.) BETHLEHEM HOUSE.

The Bethlehem House at Nashville has been most fortunate in securing a house better adapted for its work than has been possible for the past two years. The supervisor, Miss Estelle Haskin, is assisted by two missionary volunteer students from Peabody Teachers' College. These young women are preparing for Africa, and the half day that each puts into this work will the better prepare her for that work. In

Social and Religious Work of City

LOCATION.	TYPE OF WORK.	CHARACTER OF COMMUNITY.	Workers Appointed by the Council.	Children in Day Nursery.	Children in Kindergarten.	Number Enrolled in Industrial Classes.	Students in Night Schools.	Number of Books Loaned.	Number of Persons Attending Free Reading Rooms.
Asheville, N. C.	District Visiting	Native American	1			73		26	
Atlanta, Ga.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	5	91	45	74	130	795	1,004
Augusta, Ga.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	2	806	42	61	34	177	145
Augusta, Ga.	Bethlehem House	Negro	2		40	176		90	
Baltimore, Md.	District Visiting	Native American	1						
Biloxi, Miss.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	2	44	72	132	60	125	
Birmingham, Ala.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	3	37	42	93	46	735	
Birmingham (Ensley), Ala.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	3		91	155	26	15	
Chester, S. C.	District Visiting	Cotton Mill	1						
Coal Fields: Jenkins, Ky.	District Visiting	Foreign-Born	1		54				
Hartshorne, Okla.	District Visiting	Foreign-Born	1			44	9	8	
Welch, W. Va.	District Visiting	Foreign-Born	2			72			
Dallas, Tex.	Wesley Chapel	Foreign-Born	1		30	25			
Dallas, Tex.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	2			35		170	140
Danville, Va.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	1		30	71	20		
Darlington, S. C.	District Visiting	Cotton Mill	1			65		1,300	
Fort Worth, Tex.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	2		51	39	55		
Greenwood, S. C.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	1			16	25		
Kansas City, Mo.	Institutional Church	Foreign-Born	5	90	27	16			
Knoxville, Tenn.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	2			96			
Lead Belt, Flat River, Mo.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	2			41	32		
Los Angeles, Cal.	Homer Toberman M.	Foreign-Born	2			14	48		
Louisville, Ky.	Wesley House	Native American	4			278		1,424	905
Macon, Ga.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	3			234	143	1,372	1,826
Memphis, Tenn.	Wesley House	Native American	2		35	93		318	
Meridian, Miss.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	1			80	28	322	
Mobile, Ala.	Wesley House	Native American	2			134		250	125
Montgomery, Ala.	Wesley House	Industrial	2			44			50
Nashville, Tenn.	Bethlehem House	Negro	1		53	97			
Nashville, Tenn.	Warioto Settlement	Cotton Mill	2		55	105		236	624
Nashville, Tenn.	Wesley House	Native American	3		50	158		300	350
New Orleans, La.	Mary Werlein Mission	Foreign-Born	1						620
New Orleans, La.	St. Mark's Hall	Foreign-Born	3		32	160			
Orangeburg, S. C.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	1		28	70		120	
Portsmouth, Va.	District Visitor	Native American	1						
Richmond, Va.	Methodist Institute	Native American	1			65			
St. Joseph, Mo.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	2	70	93	168	74	250	500
St. Louis, Mo.	Kingdom House	Foreign-Born	4	95	115	315		1,166	1,000
San Antonio, Tex.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	2		62	53	36	65	50
San Francisco, Cal.	Wesley House	Native American	1		15	39			
Spartanburg, S. C.	Wesley House	Cotton Mill	3		65	140	40	890	
Tampa, Fla.	Wesley House	Foreign-Born	2		35	14			
Wurber, Tex.	Marston Hall	Foreign-Born	2		40	25	15		
Winston-Salem, N. C.	Institutional Church	Native American	1			115	30		
Total			85	1,575	1,202	3,683	851	10,154	7,339

Mission Boards and Conference Societies.

Number of Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Number of Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	No. of Young Women Enrolled in Clubs.	Number Enrolled in Mothers' Clubs.	Story Hours.	Number Attending Story Hours.	Average Attendance on Playground.	Number Availing Themselves of Free Baths.	Number of Entertainments.	Number Given by Community.	Number of Patients Treated in Clinics.	Number of Homes Reached.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Visits Received.	Visits Made.	Meetings Addressed.	Garments Given.	Current Expenses.
38	42	20	18	1	15	100	700	6	3	.....	150	65	33	249	21	66	\$ 1,160 71
53	46	15	18	.....	40	100	1,264	17	4	2,111	575	112	4,371	1,572	17	163	6,510 51
42	15	27	60	4	800	75	.....	7	5	.....	250	235	.....	541	.....	541	3,618 33
.....	36	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	1,200	.....	300	1,390	34	10	774 37
42	17	16	27	1	31	62	.....	17	.....	.....	200	512	.....	1,175	70	270	.....
73	30	.....	17	1	26	62	.....	30	12	.....	300	176	1,233	987	25	.....	.....
.....	.....	13	15	.....	40	133	.....	32	10	.....	130	.....	1,055	589	23	52	4,607 23
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	320	98	2,920	1,795	24	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	441	18	.....	1,216 28
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	130	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	2	30	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	320	.....	51	381	66	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	50	300	100	1,896	7,296	162	166	.....
9	9	.....	45	1	20	.....	.....	12	.....	1,508	200	137	2,630	2,875	.....	291	4,487 20
.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	25	67	21	.....	97	250	150	568	1,885	16	53	1,557 65
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	3	3	60	218	.....	1,202	8	30	.....
20	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	600	160	.....	1,860	102	1,800	.....
229	.....	.....	90	1	24	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	100	.....	15	892	22	.....	.....
49	13	19	.....	1	23	.....	31	29	2	1,014	174	83	1,528	490	18	.....	8,508 02
24	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	400	140	2,397	1,919	12	25	1,876 02
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	1	3,746	225	.....	674	686	41	.....	1,356 69
171	24	16	34	1	15	.....	.....	4	1	3,746	150	80	545	1,267	9	475	1,346 46
260	38	.....	75	3	24	175	3,288	18	5	1,785	600	.....	1,560	3,328	110	410	2,098 55
49	54	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	23	2,085	475	255	3,818	5,495	161	531	3,221 47
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	1,400	187	511	.....	551	1,746 28
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	18	5	.....	320	.....	1,730	715	14	318	1,120 24
120	65	40	72	1	25	15	.....	5	.....	.....	150	178	1,012	825	36	656	3,347 92
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	35	.....	11	1	108	84	88	2,349	1,200	48	96	.....
42	16	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	250	75	1,061	240	.....	265	.....
18	25	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	11	.....	600	175	3,599	2,125	23	.....	.....
70	20	20	90	1	41	15	.....	48	10	1,000	600	.....	6,251	3,010	120	350	2,368 71
16	.....	.....	.....	3	19	.....	100	23	.....	263	.....	.....	58	913	.....	169	.....
47	16	.....	32	1	98	30	47	4	2	3,250	2,000	162	1,000	3,627	71	.....	1,766 12
.....	.....	.....	10	1	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	200	426	3,021	.....	797	669 21
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	65	1	43	.....	.....	6	1	.....	100	160	35	1,208	10	50	761 84
29	30	75	73	2	73	108	110	14	2	.....	1,173	.....	3,492	3,667	47	567	2,868 13
185	30	65	35	2	14	100	50	48	36	1,871	800	494	3,760	4,308	21	100	6,671 06
16	16	.....	15	1	25	25	.....	2	1	475	600	200	4,950	1,516	20	232	3,288 99
125	37	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,035 25
30	21	23	78	.....	.....	65	50	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	2,199	790	.....	.....	1,695 75
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	273	75	455	349	8	196	.....
.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	75	55	50	1,148	7	.....	.....
12	10	.....	14	1	115	36	.....	16	.....	959	250	400	4,545	1,576	43	233	1,202 50
1,769	1,036	376	1,129	38	1671	999	5,707	635	140	20,414	15,129	6,376	62,301	70,679	1,437	9,263	\$71,882 27

* These figures do not include moneys raised and expended by City Boards for Co-operative Homes, which makes the total \$76,584.95.

the meantime it holds to the community an ideal of its obligation to darkest Africa. The cost of this work is small in proportion to its influence and possibilities.

CITY MISSIONS.

The city mission work this year has been represented by thirty-nine City Boards and three District Boards. Columbus, Ga., is reporting a City Board organized this year. More than seventeen thousand women have held membership on these Boards. Thirty-six Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Houses, and other settlements have been conducted, and eighty-five deaconesses and missionaries have touched life through the whole range of human interests and needs.

This year will long be remembered because of the problems that have come to the various City Mission Boards. The inability to supply a sufficient number of experienced workers for the Wesley Houses and the pressing development of the work itself have caused the City Boards, as well as the general office, much embarrassment. The failure of health of the experienced head residents in Atlanta, Birmingham, and Mobile threw the responsibility of leadership upon inexperienced deaconesses, who were rendering their first year's service. They have risen above the limitations of youth and inexperience, however, and we are able to report progress along all lines.

More than 3,600 children have been enrolled in industrial classes; while nearly 3,200 boys, girls, and young women have enjoyed the benefit of the ethical training and physical development of various clubs. An index to the character of people that we touch is given in the fact that, of this number, only 376 are young women. Marriage and premature motherhood rob many of these foreign and industrial people of larger development, as a vast majority become wives and mothers in their teens.

Fifteen hundred and eighty-three have been cared for in the day nurseries, while 1,202 have been instructed in the twenty-four different kindergartens. Eighteen night schools have given an opportunity to 851 people who have for economic reasons been deprived of the pleasure of a primary education.

Seven Coöperative Homes have furnished home and protection for 799 young working girls. It is worthy of note that two of these homes are located in cities with populations of less than ten thousand. It has long been an accepted fact that protection of the young working girl is a field preëmpted by the Young Women's Christian Association; and yet these seven Coöperative Homes, directed by the City Mission Boards of our Church, have come into existence because of the local demand. The fact that our City Mission Boards have been forced into this field of endeavor tells the story of the economic pressure brought to bear upon the young womanhood of our land.

There were 20,414 patients treated through the Wesley House clinics or through arrangements made by various institutions with regular hos-

pitals during 1915. The largest clinics where trained resident nurses are employed are found in the Wesley Houses of Atlanta, Ga.; Dallas, Tex.; Knoxville, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Louisville, Ky.; and Macon, Ga. These clinics are not hospitals; for the Woman's Missionary Council is not financially able to support hospital work, nor is it possible to combine it with settlement work. The clinics furnish the patients with an opportunity for such treatment as the outpatients of hospitals have. They furnish opportunity for the deaconesses to help in human need as a means to salvation and character-building. One good accomplished is that quack medicines are being discontinued. The many noble physicians who direct these clinics are true coworkers with the resident deaconesses and missionaries.

The resident City Board workers made 70,679 visits during the year. This means that 15,129 homes have been reached, not only by clubs and classes, but by individual visitation.

The great good of this organized work for the betterment of city conditions lies not only in the fact that more than 15,000 homes in foreign and industrial communities have been helped, but that the more than 1,700 representative homes on the City Mission Boards have had the enlargement of life which comes through service. Thus the more than 16,700 homes coming together have shared race life, ignored differences, and accentuated all that is noblest which is common to man.

There was expended in 1915 \$76,584.95 in this portion of the work of the home field.

The racial and industrial grouping of this city mission work is as follows:

Types of People.	Wesley Houses and Other Settlements.	Size of Community.	Individual	
			Homes Reached Directly.	Number of Trained Workers.
Foreign-born	13	133,142	7,755	37
Cotton mills	12	30,233	3,525	25
Native industrial centers....	9	60,000	2,399	18
Negroes	2	8,500	1,450	5
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	36	231,875	15,129	85

DEACONESS WORK.

Despite the fact that ten deaconesses were consecrated at the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council and four city missionaries were received, our records show only eighty deaconesses at work and thirty-five missionaries. This is due to the fact that so many became ill during the year either from accident or overwork. For family reasons some were forced to give up the work temporarily. Eighty-five trained workers have served on the City Mission Boards, sixteen have served as Church deaconesses, three have served as Travelers' Aids, and nine have served as head residents and workers in coopera-

Report of Church Deaconesses.

CHURCH.	CONFERENCE.	DEACONESSES.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Meetings Addressed.	Hours Spent in Office Daily.	Bibles, Tracts, and Papers Distributed.	Persons Induced to Attend Church.	Value of Food and Garments Given.	Persons Professing Conversion.	Persons Reached through Night Schools, Boys' Clubs, and Reading Rooms.
Birmingham, Ala., First Church.....	North Alabama.....	Miss Margaret Ragland.....	1,388	72	34	1	1	15	\$ 225 28	11	.....
Bristol, Tenn., State St. Church.....	Holston.....	Miss Jonnie Ducker.....	1,900	375	127	.....	3	134	118 31	6	.....
Fitzgerald, Ga.....	South Georgia.....	Miss Emma Myers.....	500	73	75	.....	155	.....	16 70	6	40
Hillsboro, N. C.....	North Carolina.....	Miss Bertha Ellison.....	1,849	52	22	.....	.....	.....	106 40	.....	72
Hot Springs, Ark., Cent. Ave. Ch.....	Little Rock.....	Miss Ida Stevens.....	1,778	28	24	.....	202	.....	55 00	.....	.....
Houma, La.....	Louisiana.....	Miss Kate Walker.....	660	99	33	.....	4	10	30 85	2	.....
Jonesboro, Ark., First Church.....	Arkansas.....	Miss Florence Blackwell.....	854	34	156	.....	38	42	56 50	7	74
Los Angeles, Cal., Trinity Ch.....	Los Angeles.....	Miss Emma Burton.....	*807	239	8	.....	.....	.....	118 10	.....	.....
Memphis, Tenn., First Church.....	Memphis.....	Miss Cornelia Godbey.....	2,868	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	296 80	.....	.....
Raleigh, N. C., Edenton St. Ch.....	North Carolina.....	Miss Florence Whiteside.....	*558	85	17	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
St. Louis, Mo., Centenary Church.....	St. Louis.....	Miss Mabel Kennedy.....	3,014	1,055	150	.....	85	125	245 00	79	1,065
St. Louis, Mo., Centenary Church.....	St. Louis.....	Miss Elizabeth Taylor.....	1,464	197	21	.....	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....
Savannah, Ga., Trinity Church.....	South Georgia.....	Miss Connie Fagan.....	1,269	175	46	.....	308	80	63 30	12	.....
Shreveport, La., First Church.....	Louisiana.....	Miss Grace Gatewood.....	*100	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54
Warren, Ark.....	Arkansas.....	Miss Frances Mann.....	1,519	32	120	.....	191	37	23 25	.....	125
Total.....			20,026	2,521	874	8	984	443	\$1,450 49	123	1,430

*These figures report for only two or three months' service, as appointments changed in the fall.

tive homes. The call for trained workers is greater this year than last. Again we reiterate that the largest line of service for our deaconesses is in the Church relation. Six young women are offering for consecration at this season.

There have been seven women on scholarships at the Training School this fiscal year. The cost of maintaining these scholarships has been \$1,576. Comparison with last year's record shows that we have half the number in preparation. This, we believe, is due to the raised educational standard, and we shall be forced to suffer for a short period. Let us hope that the result will be a larger and a better-qualified deaconess for the future.

FLORINE MCEACHERN CHAIR.

The Florine McEachern Chair, endowed by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. McEachern and the children of the South, has been filled during the year by Miss Mabel Howell as teacher of sociology at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. This endowment makes possible the retention of Miss Howell at the Training School this year.

THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS.

For the first time in the seven years of its history the Council of Women for Home Missions met for its annual session in the South. An inspirational program, with leading speakers, was prepared. It made possible the presence of five of the regular members of this committee and four proxy representatives. There were more Southern Methodists enrolled at this session than any other denomination or society.

OUR GIFTS.

A friend of Brevard Institute presented to our Treasurer a thousand dollars to be used in furnishings and equipment for this institution. An annuity gift of \$300 came to us from one in Mississippi who loves the work. Neither of these names can be mentioned, but we recount them so that others who love home missions may be rejoiced.

Our greatest gift has been the staying, keeping, working power of the Holy Spirit, and for this we would render thanks upon the printed pages of the records of 1915.

We need more deaconesses and missionaries. The work is crippled because of inadequate workers. The message to you, therefore, is that same command that the Christ gave in the long ago: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest."

Co-operative Homes.

LOCATION.	HEAD RESIDENT.	Number Trained		Number Salaried Workers.	Total Number of Girls in Home in 1915.	Number of Girls Admitted in 1915.	Number Given Temporary Shelter.	Capacity of Home.	Number Aided in Securing Positions.	Amount Collected for Board.	Amount Paid for Current Expenses.
		Number Trained	Number Salaried Workers.								
Corinth, Miss.	Miss Mary Daniel	1	1	1	42	33	22	22	1,626 48	\$ 2,465 89	
Houston, Tex.	Miss Lillian Parker	3	3	3	140	140	62	62	7,847 73	9,578 85	
Jackson, Tenn.	Mrs. Morgan	1	1	1	38	38	107	107	2,386 43	3,096 91	
Lexington, Ky.	Miss Maria Elliott	1	1	1	145	74	20	20	1,454 68	1,437 28	
Savannah, Ga.	Miss Sophia Richardson	2	2	2	36	36	107	107	22,317 67	19,207 80	
San Francisco, Cal.	Miss Florida Dewar	1	1	1	101	111	25	25	2,743 00	2,810 51	
Waco, Tex.	Miss Ethel Jackson	1	1	1	101	111	25	25	2,743 00	2,810 51	
Total		9	10	699	254	190	236	18	\$38,375 99	\$39,187 19	

Record of the Woman's Home Mission Society, 1886-1910.

YEAR.	Adult and Young People Members.	Brigade Members.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Value of Supplies Sent through Department.	Number of Schools Maintained.	Number of City Boards.	Missionaries.	Deaconesses Consecrated.	Parsonages Helped.	Money Expended on Building Parsonages.	Constitutional Work.	Local Work.
1886-87.....	1,595								23	\$ 2,128 69	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	3,529								37	9,447 87	3,837 51	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89.....	5,821								40	5,183 01	4,258 40	5,348 85
1889-90.....	7,216								40	2,954 88	2,954 88	11,599 43
1890-91.....	7,001								61	3,799 00	4,361 48	6,144 16
1891-92.....	10,245								55	8,071 55	3,727 51	10,541 69
1892-93.....	11,373		2,122						56	6,908 93	4,628 20	23,824 69
1893-94.....	11,152		2,500						53	8,072 62	4,995 37	15,098 93
1894-95.....	12,070								60	6,275 26	10,377 64	9,580 16
1895-96.....	16,246		3,746	\$ 3,115 82					110	5,387 13	19,301 72	32,825 38
1896-97.....	17,745		5,022	5,431 83					140	13,361 81	18,703 68	43,210 49
1897-98.....	19,518		4,558	4,197 90					161	13,920 02	20,971 19	48,828 88
1898-99.....	21,170		5,275	4,581 16					192	13,638 04	31,566 82	34,180 55
'99-1900.....	23,351		5,919	5,781 83	10	8	8		55	8,493 10	39,314 96	56,441 55
1900-01.....	24,712		5,521	9,289 57	8	12	14		102	11,432 46	54,486 93	55,874 64
1901-02.....	29,034		6,587	8,136 54	11	12	10		138	15,274 00	50,383 39	97,129 75
1902-03.....	31,414		8,188	14,309 11	11	12	10	6	112	11,103 17	56,754 93	32,163 11
1903-04.....	37,089		9,267	19,339 18	12	17	13	4	150	13,122 96	70,525 21	122,164 32
1904-05.....	40,358	2,942	10,016	22,333 66	13	24	22	4	162	14,679 49	94,159 95	160,115 56
1905-06.....	43,908	3,610	11,964	24,213 04	15	23	14	8	152	16,002 99	101,563 31	190,245 72
1906-07.....	50,381	3,452	13,303	25,849 23	15	18	19	10	182	18,252 27	123,281 92	205,287 03
1907-08.....	61,035	11,302	15,889	24,518 37	14	24	17	10	171	19,932 22	147,909 62	270,433 60
1908-09.....	69,029	17,319	19,823	35,025 74	13	24	23	15	197	25,807 78	167,818 50	283,428 44
1909-10.....	76,464	15,998	23,175	39,112 08	12	23	21	12	197	24,225 00	182,569 87	325,726 93
1910-11.....	80,805	20,858	23,176	39,172 06	11	30	20	20	180	24,447 00	206,512 45	389,376 71
Total.....				\$234,407 12				89	2,786	\$298,969 37	\$1,425,226 99	\$2,434,951 97

Record of Home Work, Woman's Missionary Council.

YEAR.	Adult Members.	Young People Members.	Junior Members.	Schools Maintained.	City Mission Boards.	Deaconesses.	Missionaries.	Wesley Houses and Settlements.	Co-operative Homes.	Parsonages Helped.	Money Expended on Parsonage-Buildings.	Value of Supplies Sent Preachers, Schools, and Missions.	Constitutional Work (from Conference and City Mission Boards).	Local Work.
1911-12.....	78,305	5,399	15,219	12	31	63	14	25	1	64	\$ 8,600 00	\$ 27,246 58	\$188,438 74	\$ 281,438 74
1912-13.....	80,324	11,613	19,654	13	37	73	10	23	4	24	3,175 00	43,822 78	199,162 09	337,375 20
1913-14.....	89,082	14,949	35,067	13	41	80	11	33	6	5	792 00	24,479 86	224,306 72	378,617 35
1914-15.....	90,801	22,844	58,054	13	42	82	29	34	6	9	965 00	24,991 81	238,160 91	295,615 43
Total.....										102	\$83,107 00	\$120,541 03	\$850,060 46	\$1,293,046 72

Value of Property.

Wolff Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 6,700 00
West Tampa, Fla.....	1,300 00
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.....	11,900 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	50,575 00
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.....	30,000 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.....	80,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	33,317 00
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.....	12,000 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	75,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	75,000 00
Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Ground, Miss.....	2,000 00
Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.....	4,000 00
Tucker Cottage, Nashville, Tenn.....	4,000 00
Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.....	140,000 00
Total.....	\$525,792 00



MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB,

President of Foreign Missionary Society of Mississippi Conference from----- (Consult Conference Minutes) until the union of the two societies in 1911. President of United societies until 1913. Elected Home Base Secretary of Woman's Missionary Council in April, 1913, at Birmingham.

As Home Base Secretary, directed the organic union of Home and Foreign Societies in the Conference according to the legislation of General Conference of 1910. Completion of the union of the two societies by 1915 at which time it was found that there were a total of ~~74,150~~ auxiliaries, 174,150 members, and collections from the Conferences for the year amounting to \$452,336⁵⁰.

Since the completion of the union, the Home Base Secretary has cultivated and extended the missionary organizations through the thirty-nine Conferences with the result that they are, according to the 1928 reports: 11,218 auxiliaries, 287,188 members and collection from the Conferences for the year amounting to \$1,119,486.01.

Through the period of Home Base Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, quadrennially elected member of the Board of Missions till 1926 when, by virtue of the change in the Constitution of the Board of Missions providing for a woman Cultivation Secretary co-ordinate with a man Cultivation Secretary, elected Cultivation Secretary of the Board of Missions in Charge of Woman's Work. At present serving in this capacity.

REPORT OF TREASURER, MRS. F. H. E. ROSS.

RECEIPTS FOR 1915.

CONFERENCE.	Foreign.	Home.	Scarritt.	Total.	City Mission Vouchers.
Alabama.....	\$ 7,429 49	\$ 4,513 12	\$ 143 05	\$ 12,085 66	\$ 3,347 92
Baltimore.....	8,335 53	5,168 21	201 18	13,704 92	774 37
Central Texas.....	10,278 48	6,228 44	22 46	16,529 38	1,313 86
Columbia.....	308 42	226 83	6 00	541 25	
Denver.....	238 18	159 20		397 38	
East Columbia.....	134 54	89 68		224 22	
East Oklahoma.....	2,971 35	1,859 91	18 42	4,849 68	
Florida.....	7,691 78	4,602 97	74 55	12,279 30	
German Mission.....	39 30	26 20		65 50	
Holston.....	7,716 84	4,903 87	26 78	12,647 49	1,876 02
Illinois.....	174 67	116 70		291 37	
Kentucky.....	7,315 78	4,957 42	49 65	12,322 85	1,216 28
Little Rock.....	7,493 94	4,922 27	78 80	12,495 01	
Los Angeles.....	1,649 16	749 50	15 00	2,413 66	1,346 46
Louisiana.....	5,758 16	3,554 09	35 95	9,348 20	1,766 12
Louisville.....	8,172 74	4,610 04	42 35	12,825 13	2,098 55
Memphis.....	9,126 69	5,037 15	24 37	14,805 21	1,746 28
Mississippi.....	5,926 53	4,133 84	18 85	10,079 22	1,120 24
Missouri.....	4,984 96	3,314 19	41 60	8,340 75	2,868 93
Montana.....	131 62	87 90		219 52	
New Mexico.....	1,237 57	771 70	16 00	2,025 27	
North Alabama.....	7,734 69	4,528 62	40 30	12,303 61	4,607 23
North Arkansas.....	6,330 18	3,956 66	131 45	10,418 29	
North Carolina.....	14,858 61	9,311 52	74 18	24,244 31	
North Georgia.....	18,599 96	11,125 40	104 37	29,829 73	10,128 84
North Mississippi.....	7,152 66	4,035 50	164 33	11,352 49	
North Texas.....	9,525 24	6,098 22	182 15	15,785 61	4,487 20
Northwest Texas.....	4,315 72	2,751 51	8 70	7,075 51	
Pacific.....	2,790 76	1,347 34	16 40	4,154 50	2,035 25
South Carolina.....	9,634 17	5,373 47	900 00	15,907 64	669 21
South Georgia.....	19,817 40	12,810 28	8 45	32,636 13	3,889 54
Southwest Missouri.....	7,272 49	3,983 13	178 35	11,433 97	8,508 02
St. Louis.....	4,449 58	2,893 48	84 75	7,427 81	8,027 78
Tennessee.....	10,822 52	6,595 13	24 05	17,441 70	2,368 71
Texas.....	10,416 32	6,897 50	55 55	17,369 37	2,190 37
Upper South Carolina.....	7,125 43	4,477 66	153 15	11,756 24	1,695 75
Virginia.....	14,288 30	6,707 16	371 10	21,366 56	2,906 16
West Oklahoma.....	3,106 25	2,052 72	81 20	5,240 17	
West Texas.....	7,930 60	5,025 89	69 25	13,025 74	3,232 65
Western North Carolina.....	12,473 92	7,984 13	145 02	20,603 07	2,303 21
Western Virginia.....	3,121 76	1,922 51	45 45	5,089 72	
Total.....	\$278,792 29	\$169,911 06	\$3,633 21	\$452,336 56	\$76,584 95
Other sources.....	13,548 91	29,320 93	25 00	42,894 84	
Grand total.....	\$292,341 20	\$199,231 99	\$3,658 21	\$495,231 40	\$76,584 95

Foreign Department: From Conferences.

\$278,792 29

Other sources: Annuities.....	\$ 100 00				
Bequest, Baltimore Conference.....	3,630 86				
Bequest, Kentucky Conference.....	250 00				
Bible Woman's Fund.....	306 10				
Interest on Trust Funds.....	4,462 00				
Literature, record books, etc.....	889 03				
"Days of June".....	73 90				
Refunds.....	1,697 00				
Scholarship.....	48 00				
Special, Woman's Medical College.....	1,000 00				
Special, Korea, Louisville Conference..	100 00				
Special, J. S. Carr, North Carolina Conference, for China.....	200 00				
Sundries.....	792 02				
			13,548 91	\$292,341 20	

Home Department: From Conferences...		\$169,911	06
Other sources: Annuities	\$ 300	00	
Bequest, Kentucky Conference	250	00	
Literature, record books, etc.	2,356	37	
Notes and interest	3,921	64	
Refunds	1,012	50	
Rent	351	50	
Specials	5,930	02	
Special, Western North Carolina Conference, for Brevard Institute	1,000	00	
Special, Sunday school from Alabama, for Scarritt scholarship	200	00	
Sundries	2,110	88	17,432 91
Tuition: Brevard Institute	\$3,000	00	
Holding Institute	1,200	00	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	3,227	27	
Sue Bennett Memorial	4,255	00	
Wolff Mission	205	75	11,888 02—\$199,231 99
Scarritt Endowment: From Conferences.....	\$ 3,633	21	
Other sources	25	00	3,658 21
Grand total received			\$495,231 40
Trust funds collected, to be reloaned.....			9,000 00
Total cash			\$504,231 40

RECEIPTS DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS.

Annuities	\$ 400	00	
Bequests	4,130	86	
Bible women	14,279	27	
Dues	192,004	51	
Life memberships	757	75	
Pledge	194,616	20	
Rio (including interest)	4,316	19	
Retirement and relief	5,329	85	
Scarritt Bible and Training School	3,658	21	
Scholarships	12,108	72	
Tuition	11,888	02	
Week of Prayer (balance, 1914)	268	56	
Week of Prayer, 1915	22,919	48	
Miscellaneous	28,553	78	
	\$495,231	40	
Trust funds	9,000	00	\$504,231 40

SUMMARY.

Foreign Department.

Balance from 1914	\$ 66,805	59	
Amount received before March 9, 1915.....	458	24	\$ 67,263 83

Home Department.

Balance from 1914	\$ 1,472	16	
Amount received before March 9, 1915	477	46	
Amount borrowed at bank	8,000	00	9,949 62
Amount received for balance, 1914			858 24
Amount received for balance, 1915			503,295 70
Amount borrowed at bank, Home Department.....			31,000 00
			\$612,367 39
Less disbursements for 1915 (see list)			493,842 41
Balance			\$118,524 98
Divided as follows:			
Foreign Department	\$110,286	70	
Home Department	6,212	88	
Scarritt Endowment	2,025	40	\$118,524 98

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1916.

Foreign Work.

Annuity interest	\$ 617 25		
Annuities (retired missionaries)	1,400 00	—	\$ 2,017 25
Expense of candidates			3,198 68
Insurance			2,275 43
Interest			413 25
Missionaries at home			12,396 13
Scarritt Bible and Training School: Appropriation.....	1,000 00		
Scholarships	557 90	—	1,557 90
Specials			786 26
Tax on Anadarko property			1,482 17
Travel of missionaries			12,332 18
Trust funds invested			55,250 00
Foreign Fields:			
Bible women: Brazil	\$ 660 00		
China	6,873 96		
Japan	583 75		
Korea	3,050 91		
Mexico	60 00	—	11,228 62
Buildings, Land, and Furnishings:			
Brazil: Ribeirao Preto		\$ 2,100 00	
China: Changchow	\$2,000 00		
Day school buildings	2,250 00		
Davidson Memorial	1,200 00		
Furnishings	150 00		
Enlargement of Susan B. Wilson..	3,000 00		
Union College	7,500 00	—	16,100 00
Cuba			1,200 00
Korea: Choon Chun building	\$2,125 00		
Songdo (furnishings)	318 75	—	2,443 75
			21,843 75
Day schools: Brazil			
	\$ 625 00		
China	3,278 85		
Korea	2,826 25		
Mexico	450 00	—	7,189 10
Incidentals, woman's work, etc.: Brazil			
	\$ 3,412 96		
China	4,991 51		
Cuba	941 85		
Japan	427 50		
Korea	1,411 89		
Mexico	767 50	—	11,953 21
Kindergarten: China			
	\$ 881 25		
Cuba	18 75		
Japan	112 50	—	1,012 50
Rents: Brazil			
	\$ 2,556 25		
China	600 00		
Japan	75 00		
Korea	187 50	—	3,418 75
Repairs: Brazil			
	\$ 3,375 00		
China	525 00		
Cuba	150 00		
Korea	87 50		
Mexico	100 00	—	4,237 50
Salaries: Brazil			
	\$18,748 94		
China	24,901 11		
Cuba	5,751 09		
Japan	1,362 19		
Korea	10,428 98		
Mexico	2,756 26	—	63,948 57
Salaries of teachers: Brazil			
	\$ 4,490 00		
Cuba	2,000 00		
Cuba (native)	500 00		
Korea	1,825 00		
Mexico	2,350 00		
Mexico (native)	400 00	—	11,565 00

Scholarships: Brazil	\$ 1,140 65	
China	3,682 96	
Cuba	600 00	
Korea	3,217 07	
Mexico	40 00—	\$ 8,680 68
Specials: Brazil	\$ 25 00	
China	210 00	
Japan	150 00	
Korea	142 50—	527 50
Sundries: China	\$ 487 50	
Korea	900 15—	1,387 65
Taxes: Brazil	\$ 620 00	
China	37 50	
Cuba	132 50	
Korea	10 00	
Mexico	100 00—	900 00
Total foreign work		\$239,602 02

Home Work.

Annuity interest		\$ 479 00
City missions		7,734 74
Conference half dues (see list elsewhere)		5,814 73
Deaconess travel and expense		2,473 79
Interest		2,677 66
Insurance		864 31
Methodist Training School scholarships		240 00
Notes paid (borrowed money)		69,000 00
Refund		25 23
Scarritt Bible and Training School: Scholarships	\$ 1,336 00	
Special appropriation	1,000 00—	2,336 00
Sociology		1,790 00
Specials		37 50

Conference Enterprises:

Central Texas: Fort Worth	\$ 785 00	
Thurber	1,368 45—	2,153 45
East Oklahoma: Hartshorne		508 76
Holston: Coal Fields		1,058 60
Kentucky: Coal Fields		562 50
Louisiana: St. Mark's Hall		600 00
North Alabama: Birmingham		450 00
North Mississippi: Corinth		350 00
Pacific: San Francisco		266 66
South Georgia: Macon		1,275 00
St. Louis: Lead Belt		600 00
Virginia: Ferrum		500 00—
		8,324 97

Gulf Coast Work:

Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss.	\$ 2,610 77	
French work, Houma, La.	750 00	
Galveston, Tex.	1,500 00	
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans	2,540 00	
Werlein Mission, New Orleans	330 00—	7,730 77

Schools and Homes:

Brevard Institute (salaries)	\$ 6,887 00	
Holding Institute	9,821 81	
Pacific Coast	9,590 00	
Paine Annex	1,326 70	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	12,306 46	
Sue Bennett Memorial	8,926 00	
Vashti Home	7,184 00	
Virginia K. Johnson Home	8,393 32	
West Tampa	1,461 64	
Wolff Mission	2,504 94—	68,401 87

Bethlehem Houses (negro work):

Augusta	\$ 2,737 14	
Nashville	2,562 00—	5,299 14

Buildings and Repairs:

Biloxi Wesley House	\$ 1,000 00	
Brevard Institute	2,175 00	
Holding Institute (repairs)	1,000 00	
Pacific (repairs)	260 00	
Paine Annex (repairs, etc.)	242 00	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	4,127 00	
Ruth Hargrove Institute (repairs, etc.)	2,175 00	
Wolf Mission (repairs)	175 00	—\$ 11,154 00

Incidentals:

Brevard Institute	\$ 2,200 00	
Holding Institute	1,200 00	
Holding Institute (rent)	300 00	
Paine Annex	1,132 39	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	823 00	
Sue Bennett Memorial	5,705 00	
Sue Bennett Memorial (debt)	1,096 90	— 12,457 29

Notes: Sue Bennett Memorial 2,700 00

Specials: Biloxi, Miss.	\$ 198 45	
Brevard Institute	294 50	
Denton Dormitory	103 00	
Houma, La.	295 00	
Pacific Coast	485 00	
Pacific Coast (taxes)	273 52	
St. Mark's Hall, Louisiana	237 50	
Sue Bennett Memorial	1,050 00	
Vashti	850 10	
Virginia K. Johnson Home	1,480 04	
Wolf Mission	44 53	— 5,316 64

Total home work \$214,857 64

Scarritt Bible and Training School:

Endowment	\$ 1,553 18	
Specials	79 63	—\$ 1,632 81

Home Administration:

Auditing Treasurer's books	\$ 57 50	
Bond of Treasurer	50 00	
Contingent	3,414 44	
Expense of Board meeting	234 54	
Expense of By-Laws Committee	50 21	
Expense of Council meeting	3,042 01	
Expense of mid-year meeting	315 83	
Expense of Junaluska meeting	69 05	
Literature (Annual Report, leaflets, etc.)	10,233 06	
Mite boxes	191 10	
Office expense	5,791 94	
Salaries: Officers	8,524 96	
Clerical help	4,060 00	
Voice (deficit, 1914)	1,665 30	
Young Christian Worker (agent)	50 00	— 37,749 94

Total disbursements \$493,842 41

CONFERENCE HALF DUES.

1915. ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Mar. 19. Mrs. J. T. Dumas, account of Mobile work.....	\$500 00	
Apr. 27. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for literature.....	45 81	
May 24. Mrs. E. N. Passmore, Treasurer.....	150 00	
Jan. 31. Mrs. E. N. Passmore, Treasurer.....	200 00	—\$ 895 81

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Mar. 30. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for literature.....	\$ 7 37	
Oct. 9. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for record books.....	2 10	
Nov. 2. Mrs. E. R. Naylor, Treasurer.....	25 00	— 34 47

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

May 3. Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Treasurer.....	\$200 00	
Oct. 30. Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Treasurer.....	200 00	— 400 00

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HOLSTON CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	3. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Treasurer.....	\$ 500 00	
ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	17. Mrs. W. A. Rawlings, Treasurer.....	83 56	
LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	4. Mrs. George M. Wright, Treasurer.....	\$125 00	
Sept.	18. Mrs. George M. Wright, Treasurer.....	45 00	
Oct.	7. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for literature.....	21 83	
Nov.	24. Mrs. George M. Wright, Treasurer.....	207 07—	398 90
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	19. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for literature.....	47 19	
MISSOURI CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	19. Mrs. E. M. Edwards.....	125 00	
MONTANA CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	23. Mrs. Will Aiken, Treasurer.....	44 65	
NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	30. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for literature.....	19 31	
NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.			
Jan.	25. Mrs. R. J. Atkinson, Treasurer.....	680 35	
NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.			
July	9. Mrs. W. W. Wilburn, Treasurer.....	54 24	
SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	19. Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, for Door of Hope.....	52 87	
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.			
Mar.	19. Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Treasurer.....	300 00	
TEXAS CONFERENCE.			
June	8. Miss E. L. Hill, Treasurer.....	\$200 00	
July	30. Miss E. L. Hill, Treasurer.....	200 00	
Dec.	31. Miss E. L. Hill, Treasurer.....	200 00—	600 00
WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.			
Apr.	3. Mrs. Joseph Rains, Treasurer.....	\$200 00	
Dec.	8. Mrs. Joseph Rains, Treasurer.....	250 00—	450 00
WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.			
Apr.	7. Mrs. R. Shaeffer, Treasurer.....	359 76	
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.			
May	17. Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, for literature.....	\$ 51 95	
Aug.	30. Professor Trowbridge, for desks for Brevard Institute	60 00	
Sept.	23. Gray & Dudley Hardware Company, tools for Brevard Institute	64 91	
Oct.	7. King Mantel and Furniture Company, office furniture for Brevard Institute.....	151 80	
Nov.	24. Greenwood Company, shades, etc., for Brevard Institute	235 68	
Dec.	30. Mrs. P. N. Peacock.....	50 00—	614 34
WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.			
May	3. Mrs. Robert E. Thornburg, Treasurer.....	154 28	
	Total cash		\$5,814 73

CONFERENCE HALF DUES TRANSFERRED TO SCHOOLS, ETC.

East Oklahoma Conference:		
To General Fund		\$ 539 81
Holston Conference:		
To Scholarship Fund, on account of deficit.....		113 96
North Mississippi Conference:		
To General Fund for Sailors' Rest.....	\$500 00	
To General Fund for Miss Daniel's salary.....	350 00—	850 00
Western Virginia Conference:		
To General Fund		680 00
Total transferred		<u>\$2,183 77</u>

LOCAL WORK REPORTED.

Conference.	Total.	Conference.	Total.
Alabama		North Alabama	\$ 4,895 87
Baltimore	\$ 7,927 23	North Arkansas	6,737 32
Central Texas		North Carolina	12,029 85
Columbia	687 58	North Georgia	11,926 75
Denver	183 26	North Mississippi	8,240 04
East Columbia	264 21	North Texas	16,816 93
East Oklahoma	4,318 87	Northwest Texas	5,709 01
Florida		Pacific	3,194 19
German Mission		South Carolina	1,037 30
Holston		South Georgia	10,459 61
Illinois	764 29	Southwest Missouri	5,898 20
Kentucky	4,235 07	St. Louis	1,374 49
Little Rock	8,755 61	Tennessee	9,429 12
Los Angeles	5,506 16	Texas	23,119 72
Louisiana	9,863 20	Upper South Carolina.....	314 18
Louisville	5,738 21	Virginia	8,550 20
Memphis		West Oklahoma	
Mississippi	4,643 24	West Texas	3,654 90
Missouri	3,765 24	Western North Carolina..	3,756 96
Montana	1,096 94	Western Virginia	6,808 01
New Mexico	5,251 79		
Total			<u>\$206,953 55</u>

RECAPITULATION BY FIELDS.

Foreign Work.

Brazil	\$37,753 80	
China	62,578 64	
Cuba	11,294 19	
Japan	2,710 94	
Korea	26,531 50	
Mexico	7,023 76—	\$147,892 83
Missionaries at home	\$12,396 13	
Travel and expense	15,530 86—	27,926 99
Sundries	\$ 8,532 20	
Trust funds	55,250 00—	63,782 20
Total foreign work		<u>\$239,602 02</u>

Home Work.

Brevard Institute	\$11,556 50	
Conference enterprises	8,324 97	
Gulf Coast work	9,461 72	
Holding Institute	12,321 81	
Pacific Coast	10,608 52	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	19,431 46	
Sue Bennett Memorial	19,477 90	
Vashti Home	8,034 10	
Virginia K. Johnson Home	9,873 36	
West Tampa	1,461 64	
Wolff Mission	2,724 47—	\$113,276 45
Paine Annex	\$ 2,701 09	
Bethlehem Houses	5,299 14—	8,000 23

City missions	\$ 7,734 74	
Conference half dues	5,815 73	
Notes paid	69,000 00	
Sundries	11,031 49	\$ 93,580 96
Total home work		\$214,857 64
Home administration		\$ 37,749 94
Scarritt		1,632 81
Grand total		\$493,842 41

COMPARISON BY YEARS.

Conference.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Alabama: Home	\$ 4,800 43	\$ 4,895 87	
Foreign	6,641 23	6,471 33	
	\$ 11,441 66	\$ 11,367 20	\$ 12,085 66
Baltimore: Home	\$ 3,022 16	\$ 3,746 55	
Foreign	9,080 96	11,174 92	
	\$ 12,103 12	\$ 14,921 47	13,704 92
Central Texas: Home	\$ 7,570 43	\$ 7,299 40	
Foreign	10,328 41	7,923 17	
	\$ 17,898 84	\$ 15,222 57	16,529 38
Columbia: Home	\$ 397 03	\$ 302 30	
Foreign	237 17	207 19	
	\$ 634 20	\$ 509 49	541 25
Denver: Home	\$ 402 58	\$ 232 42	
Foreign	125 96	220 84	
	\$ 528 54	\$ 453 26	397 38
East Columbia: Home	\$ 317 50	\$ 263 42	
Foreign	60	70	
	\$ 318 10	\$ 264 12	224 22
East Oklahoma: Home	\$ 3,303 57	\$ 2,945 77	
Foreign	1,519 65	1,504 56	
	\$ 4,823 22	\$ 4,450 33	4,849 68
Florida: Home	\$ 5,009 57	\$ 3,903 85	
Foreign	7,316 66	6,842 99	
	\$ 12,326 23	\$ 10,746 84	12,279 30
German Mission: Home	\$ 32 70	\$ 51 80	
Foreign .....	.....	.....
	\$ 32 70	\$ 51 80	65 50
Holston: Home	\$ 4,523 73	\$ 4,292 26	
Foreign	5,242 23	6,736 19	
	\$ 9,765 96	\$ 11,028 45	12,647 49
Illinois: Home	\$ 138 15	\$ 193 96	
Foreign	5 15	18 08	
	\$ 143 30	\$ 212 04	291 37
Kentucky: Home	\$ 3,977 92	\$ 4,312 89	
Foreign	5,853 60	6,644 03	
	\$ 9,831 52	\$ 10,956 92	12,322 85

Conference.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Little Rock: Home	\$ 5,197 86	\$ 5,448 33	
Foreign	5,740 05	5,828 84	
	<u>\$ 10,937 91</u>	<u>\$ 11,277 17</u>	\$ 12,495 01
Los Angeles: Home	\$ 922 59	\$ 813 53	
Foreign	1,369 07	1,234 88	
	<u>\$ 2,291 66</u>	<u>\$ 2,048 41</u>	2,413 66
Louisiana: Home	\$ 4,114 31	\$ 3,882 99	
Foreign	4,595 36	4,383 07	
	<u>\$ 8,709 67</u>	<u>\$ 8,266 06</u>	9,348 20
Louisville: Home	\$ 3,105 01	\$ 4,249 29	
Foreign	8,313 12	8,804 43	
	<u>\$ 11,418 13</u>	<u>\$ 13,053 77</u>	12,825 13
Memphis: Home	\$ 3,572 61	\$ 3,623 58	
Foreign	10,571 56	9,627 31	
	<u>\$ 14,144 17</u>	<u>\$ 13,260 89</u>	14,188 21
Mississippi: Home	\$ 4,440 13	\$ 4,520 26	
Foreign	5,285 83	5,279 42	
	<u>\$ 9,725 96</u>	<u>\$ 9,799 68</u>	10,079 22
Missouri: Home	\$ 2,630 94	\$ 3,357 16	
Foreign	4,586 62	4,720 75	
	<u>\$ 7,217 56</u>	<u>\$ 8,077 91</u>	8,340 75
Montana: Home	\$ 206 70	\$ 198 60	
Foreign .....	.....	.....
	<u>\$ 206 70</u>	<u>\$ 198 60</u>	219 52
New Mexico: Home	\$ 1,284 47	\$ 1,122 46	
Foreign	571 47	581 09	
	<u>\$ 1,855 94</u>	<u>\$ 1,703 55</u>	2,025 27
North Alabama: Home	\$ 4,878 76	\$ 5,178 23	
Foreign	6,700 48	6,786 45	
	<u>\$ 11,579 24</u>	<u>\$ 11,964 68</u>	12,303 61
North Arkansas, formed of Arkan- sas: Home	\$ 1,891 02	\$ 1,638 18	
Foreign	2,207 59	1,622 84	
and	<u>\$ 4,098 61</u>	<u>\$ 3,261 02</u>	
White River: Home	\$ 2,238 12	\$ 2,398 11	
Foreign	3,266 20	3,210 80	
	<u>\$ 5,504 32</u>	<u>\$ 5,608 91</u>	
Totals for both	9,602 93	8,869 93	10,418 29
North Carolina: Home	\$ 6,367 83	\$ 6,868 94	
Foreign	17,597 48	16,227 83	
	<u>\$ 23,965 31</u>	<u>\$ 23,096 77</u>	24,244 31
North Georgia: Home	\$ 11,189 18	\$ 10,711 36	
Foreign	21,195 54	18,859 67	
	<u>\$ 32,384 72</u>	<u>\$ 29,571 03</u>	29,829 73
North Mississippi: Home	\$ 4,704 67	\$ 4,422 65	
Foreign	5,981 76	5,108 30	
	<u>\$ 10,686 43</u>	<u>\$ 9,530 95</u>	11,352 49

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Conference.	1913.	1914.	1915.
North Texas: Home	\$ 7,066 93	\$ 7,137 48	
Foreign	7,441 13	8,107 10	
	<u>\$ 14,508 06</u>	<u>\$ 15,244 58</u>	\$ 15,785 61
Northwest Texas: Home	\$ 4,224 85	\$ 3,289 72	
Foreign	1,829 90	3,128 25	
	<u>\$ 6,054 75</u>	<u>\$ 6,417 97</u>	7,075 93
Pacific: Home	\$ 1,446 73	\$ 1,551 71	
Foreign	2,920 92	1,486 46	
	<u>\$ 4,367 65</u>	<u>\$ 3,038 17</u>	4,154 50
South Carolina: Home	\$ 4,113 34	\$ 5,200 81	
Foreign	20,013 05	19,378 84	
	<u>\$ 24,126 39</u>	<u>\$ 24,579 65</u>	15,907 64
Upper South Carolina			11,756 24
South Georgia: Home	\$ 7,976 36	\$ 7,635 17	
Foreign	27,995 10	25,565 50	
	<u>\$ 35,971 46</u>	<u>\$ 33,200 67</u>	32,636 13
Southwest Missouri: Home	\$ 4,349 19	\$ 3,752 19	
Foreign	7,878 35	8,162 13	
	<u>\$ 12,227 54</u>	<u>\$ 11,914 32</u>	11,433 97
St. Louis: Home	\$ 3,600 44	\$ 3,524 40	
Foreign	3,367 55	3,407 48	
	<u>\$ 6,967 99</u>	<u>\$ 6,931 88</u>	7,427 81
Tennessee: Home	\$ 6,066 28	\$ 6,621 95	
Foreign	11,983 43	10,762 48	
	<u>\$ 18,049 71</u>	<u>\$ 17,384 43</u>	17,441 70
Texas: Home	\$ 8,178 56	\$ 8,732 57	
Foreign	5,132 13	5,262 29	
	<u>\$ 13,310 69</u>	<u>\$ 13,994 86</u>	17,369 37
Virginia: Home	\$ 3,207 57	\$ 3,362 01	
Foreign	18,704 78	16,819 71	
	<u>\$ 21,912 35</u>	<u>\$ 20,181 72</u>	21,366 56
West Oklahoma: Home	\$ 2,883 49	\$ 3,325 17	
Foreign	1,343 17	1,558 42	
	<u>\$ 4,226 66</u>	<u>\$ 4,883 59</u>	5,240 17
West Texas: Home	\$ 5,828 05	\$ 6,254 64	
Foreign	5,656 54	5,798 02	
	<u>\$ 11,484 59</u>	<u>\$ 12,052 66</u>	13,025 74
Western North Carolina: Home...	\$ 3,958 34	\$ 4,607 99	
Foreign	15,038 45	14,840 79	
	<u>\$ 18,996 79</u>	<u>\$ 19,448 78</u>	20,603 07
Western Virginia: Home	\$ 1,670 43	\$ 1,535 95	
Foreign	2,740 64	2,357 13	
	<u>\$ 4,411 07</u>	<u>\$ 3,893 08</u>	5,089 72
Mexican Border Mission: Foreign..	\$ 10 85		

Totals for Conferences: Home	\$154,810 53	\$157,415 92	
Foreign	276,389 74	266,654 33	
Totals for both departments.	\$431,200 27	\$424,070 25	\$452,336 56
Other sources: Home	43,466 58	28,946 39	29,320 93
Foreign	6,295 01	10,155 19	13,548 91
Scarritt			25 00
	\$480,961 86	\$463,171 83	\$495,231 40
Trust funds collected to be reloaned.		7,000 00	9,000 00
	\$480,961 86	\$470,171 83	\$504,231 40
Reported by voucher	69,596 19	81,160 91	76,534 95
Grand total	\$550,558 05	\$551,332 74	\$580,816 35

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

CONFERENCE.	Adults.	Young People.	Juniors.	Babies.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$ 10,489 69	\$ 1,022 79	\$ 535 48	\$ 37 70	\$ 12,085 66
Baltimore.....	11,436 43	1,418 51	729 89	120 09	13,704 92
Central Texas.....	15,763 15	420 11	345 62	50	16,529 38
Columbia.....	537 59		1 19	2 47	541 25
Denver.....	368 47	18 35	8 61	1 95	397 38
East Columbia.....	224 22				224 22
East Oklahoma.....	4,738 35	46 01	55 07	10 25	4,849 68
Florida.....	11,195 09	532 44	473 05	78 72	12,279 30
German Mission.....	65 50				65 50
Holston.....	11,690 48	612 07	165 04	179 90	12,647 49
Illinois.....	277 40	11 85	2 12		291 37
Kentucky.....	10,770 99	880 74	577 42	93 70	12,322 85
Little Rock.....	11,588 24	326 01	482 22	98 54	12,495 01
Los Angeles.....	2,180 06	142 15	58 01	33 44	2,413 66
Louisiana.....	8,823 60	197 92	296 61	30 07	9,348 20
Louisville.....	11,790 73	371 53	568 18	94 69	12,825 13
Memphis.....	12,805 48	655 44	662 22	65 07	14,188 21
Mississippi.....	9,230 47	544 72	294 71	9 32	10,079 22
Missouri.....	7,655 24	569 36	76 31	39 84	8,340 75
Montana.....	219 02			50	219 52
New Mexico.....	1,858 06	100 12	58 19	8 90	2,025 27
North Alabama.....	11,361 27	502 93	418 71	20 70	12,303 61
North Arkansas.....	9,280 23	454 52	644 49	39 05	10,418 29
North Carolina.....	19,826 66	1,360 73	2,827 00	229 92	24,244 31
North Georgia.....	25,575 40	1,917 94	2,178 98	157 41	29,829 73
North Mississippi.....	10,148 33	497 91	664 14	42 11	11,352 49
North Texas.....	15,164 42	348 95	261 66	10 58	15,785 61
Northwest Texas.....	6,807 52	109 21	130 57	28 62	7,075 93
Pacific.....	4,097 08		35 69	21 73	4,154 50
South Carolina.....	14,490 13	514 41	903 10		15,907 64
South Georgia.....	30,168 93	1,098 19	1,300 36	68 65	32,636 13
Southwest Missouri.....	10,476 91	523 65	403 14	30 27	11,433 97
St. Louis.....	6,769 79	478 45	151 38	28 19	7,427 81
Tennessee.....	15,089 87	1,246 43	913 26	192 14	17,441 70
Texas.....	16,165 21	703 74	395 35	105 07	17,369 37
Upper South Carolina.....	10,395 10	697 08	639 87	24 19	11,756 24
Virginia.....	18,221 44	2,066 03	387 35	91 74	21,366 56
West Oklahoma.....	4,889 46	179 36	155 77	15 58	5,240 17
West Texas.....	12,318 70	376 86	263 65	66 53	13,025 74
Western North Carolina.....	15,893 45	2,772 45	1,815 13	122 04	20,603 07
Western Virginia.....	4,147 44	540 34	360 80	41 14	5,089 72
Total.....	\$404,995 61	\$24,859 30	\$20,240 34	\$2,241 31	\$452,336 56

PRESENT STATUS.

Balance cash, Foreign Department.....		\$110,236 70
Outstanding drafts	\$19,146 37	
Africa	418 33	
Amount due: "Days of June"	81 20	
Bible women	10,623 99	
Scholarships	7,713 39	
McTyeire	9,920 88	
Retirement	1,126 78	
Rio	49,808 85	
Y. J. Allen	4 50	98,844 29
Balance for current expenses		\$ 11,442 41

The ledger shows the following invested funds at six per cent interest, semi-annual.

Annuity: Miss Elerding (interest to be added till principal reaches \$1,000)	\$ 650 00
Annuity: Mrs. J. J. Rogers (interest to be paid to the annuitant) ..	1,000 00
Mrs. Livenbergen (interest to be paid to the annuitant)	100 00
Brooks bequest, North Carolina Conference (interest to be used for Bible women in China and Japan)	2,800 00
Holt bequest (interest to be used for Mexican or Cuban girls)	250 00
"Days of June" (interest and principal to be used in building McTyeire)	518 00
Young J. Allen Fund (interest and principal to be used in building McTyeire)	6,131 00
Eliza O. Scott Scholarship Fund (interest to be used in Mexican work)	1,200 00
Sowell Memorial (interest to be used in Soochow Hospital as a memorial to Mrs. P. A. Sowell, Tennessee Conference)	1,200 00
Umberger Fund, Holston Conference (interest to be used for scholarship in Korea)	1,400 00
Eliza Gatlin bequest, North Carolina Conference (interest to be used for support of scholarship in training or for the support of a native worker)	1,500 00
Retirement Fund	16,851 00
Rio	40,000 00
Total	\$73,600 00

The Lockhart bank stock, from Miss Sallie J. Hendricks, represents \$3,000. Interest to be used, first, for support of Bible woman in China or Korea. All over that amount to be used for preparation of female missionaries for work in the foreign field. Name of Bible woman, Sallie J. Hendricks.

AMOUNTS NOT INVESTED, BUT MONEY IN BANK.

Africa	\$ 418 33
"Days of June"	81 20
Retirement	1,126 78
Rio	49,808 85
Young J. Allen	4 50
Total	\$51,439 66
Total for "Days of June"	\$ 599 20
Retirement	17,977 78
Rio	89,808 85
Young J. Allen Fund	6,135 50

TOTALS.

Cash balance of 1914	\$ 858 24
Cash, 1915	504,231 40
Reported by voucher	76,584 95
Boxes of supplies, 1,206; value.....	30,337 64
Local work	206,953 55
Grand total	\$818,965 78

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION—FOREIGN WORK.

Amount received for fiscal year	1878-79..\$ 4,104 27	1898-99..\$ 83,587 07
	1879-80.. 13,775 97	1899-1900 97,064 96
	1880-81.. 19,362 10	1900-01.. 118,809 67
	1881-82.. 25,609 44	1901-02.. 104,017 97
	1882-83.. 29,647 31	1902-03.. 112,458 78
	1883-84.. 38,873 52	1903-04.. 132,143 37
	1884-85.. 52,652 12	1904-05.. 146,151 51
	1885-86.. 51,588 76	1905-06.. 155,951 10
	1886-87.. 50,092 63	1906-07.. 174,597 82
	1887-88.. 69,729 65	1907-08.. 226,192 88
	1888-89.. 68,165 34	1908-09.. 259,179 29
	1889-90.. 75,476 54	1909-10.. 264,562 46
	1890-91.. 85,969 44	1910-11.. 280,153 07
	1891-92.. 66,448 59	1911 244,952 44
	1892-93.. 71,199 12	1912 293,823 95
	1893-94.. 66,377 90	1913 282,684 75
	1894-95.. 63,951 98	1914 276,807 52
	1895-96.. 74,403 16	Balance, 1914 761 57
	1896-97.. 82,880 47	1915 292,341 20
	1897-98.. 86,413 76	
		\$4,642,968 44

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 31, 1916.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer Woman's Department, Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam: We are pleased to report that we have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the fiscal year of 1915 and herewith present our report, which we certify to be correct in accordance with the books. During the course of our audit we found that all cash receipts had been deposited in bank and all disbursements have been made according to appropriation and upon properly authorized vouchers.

Instead of preparing an elaborate report setting forth the result of the activities of this department for the year, we verified the report prepared by yourself, which we found to be correct and in accordance with the facts. A reconciliation of your account kept with the Fourth and First National Bank, of this city, proved the accuracy of the handling of the funds of this department, and the balance of cash on hand at the close of the fiscal year, amounting to \$118,524.98, as shown by your books, was found to be correct and in accordance with the books of the bank.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. JOHNSTON & Co.,

Certified Public Accountants.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, MRS. H. R. STEELE, SECRETARY.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude for the blessings of the work and with grateful appreciation of the enthusiasm and coöperation of the Superintendents in the Conferences and in the auxiliaries that this report is presented.

AIM.

The aim of the Educational Department of the Woman's Missionary Council is to spread information and inspiration which may enlarge the vision of the women of our Church and give them a deeper feeling of their responsibility. Although the desired goal for the year has not been attained, it is most gratifying to know that substantial results have been gained by the faithful efforts of the Superintendents and that a more intelligent service is the practical result of the mission study class and the proper use of the literature.

LITERATURE.

There have been printed and distributed in the Conferences 1,603,000 leaflets. The Adult, Young People's, and Children's yearbooks were ready for distribution December 1, 1915.

The "Helps for Missionary Societies" were brought up to date after the Council meeting of last year and an adequate supply printed.

The Week of Prayer literature was ready for distribution September 1, 1915.

The total cost of the leaflets and yearbooks for 1915 is \$3,331.50, which may be listed as follows:

Adult leaflets	\$2,061 95
(\$700 of this amount was for Week of Prayer literature and \$417.25 for "Helps for Missionary Societies.")	
Young People's	420 85
Junior	350 95
Mission Study and Publicity	244 25
Social Service	253 50

Thus far efforts to secure some one to write the biographies of Miss Helm, Mrs. Trueheart, Mrs. McGavock, and Miss Watts have been unsuccessful.

MISSION STUDY.

The report of the mission study classes shows a smaller number than last year, but more accurately represents the work that is being done. Many classes hold monthly meetings, and the study covers six or seven months. In this way the study of a book was often reported in two quarters. New blanks have been prepared, and leaders of classes have been urged to report the study of *each new book*. In this way we have tried to avoid the duplication that inevitably occurs when the study covers a long period.

An effort has been made to have the number of classes reported by card to the Educational Secretary agree with the number reported to the Superintendents. The following statistics show practical results in this line:

Classes Reported by Superintendents.

	Classes.	Members.
Adult	1,462	37,878
Young People	172	2,741
Juniors	507	9,941
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Total	2,141	50,530

Classes Reported by Card.

	Classes.	Members.
Adult	1,140	17,008
Young People	83	601
Juniors	77	1,257

Student classes, 79.

Total number of classes reported by card, 1,379.

Conferences leading in mission study reported by Superintendents:
Texas, North Georgia, Tennessee.

Conferences leading in mission study reported by enrollment card:
Texas, North Georgia, Tennessee.

LEADING BOOKS STUDIED.

Adult: "Child in the Midst"	287
"King's Highway"	207
"New Home Missions"	83
"Home Missions in Action"	76
Young People: "Ann of Ava"	10
"Comrades in Service"	10
"Child in the Midst"	9
Junior: "Around the World with Jack and Janet".....	42
"Our World Family"	15
"Goodbird the Indian"	6

There is a wide discrepancy in the reports of the First and Second Vice Presidents of the Council and the report of the Educational Secretary. The Conference Superintendents have not been able to get from the Auxiliary Superintendents in Young People's Auxiliaries reports of mission study and of the use of the *Bulletin*, nor have we been able to secure the use of the enrollment card by the Young People and Children. One hundred and seventy-two Young People's mission study classes were reported by Superintendents and only 83 by card; 507 Junior classes were reported by Superintendents and only 77 by card.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS FOR 1916-17.

The theme for mission study for 1916-17 will be "The Two Americas." The following books are recommended for study by the classes:

For Adults: "World Missions and World Peace." By Caroline Atwater Mason.

"The South To-Day." By J. M. Moore, D.D.

"Old Spain in New America." By Rev. Robert McLean and Grace Petrie Williams.

For Young People: "Comrades in Service." By Margaret Burton.

For Juniors: "Children of the Lighthouse." By Charles L. White.

There will be a book on South America, by Bishop Stuntz, for Adult Auxiliaries; also one on South America for Young People, and a book of hero stories, by Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, for Juniors. The first two books could not be finished until after the Pan-American Congress, and the titles have not been determined.

This theme for 1916-17 will center our interest in our Latin-American obligation and should create a larger enthusiasm in our work. All classes are urged to adopt one of the books in the new course, as better results are obtained when members of classes all over our territory study the same books at the same time.

BIBLE STUDY.

There has been a gratifying increase in Bible study classes. The reports show 1,041 Bible study classes (980 Adult, 61 Young People's), as against 450 in 1914.

Conferences leading in Bible study: Texas, North Texas, Central Texas.

READING CIRCLES AND LIBRARIES.

Three hundred and ninety-one reading circles and 110 missionary libraries have been reported.

USE OF THE PRESS.

The reports show a good increase in the use of the Church and secular papers. Space is used more regularly and, we have reason to believe, more intelligently. Space in 604 papers is given for missionary news, and 883 auxiliaries send news regularly.

The editors of the Woman's Pages in our Conference journals have rendered valuable service in advertising the mission study books and in creating enthusiasm in the membership campaign.

News letters have been sent from the office during the year to editors of Woman's Pages, and the Woman's Page has been a valuable medium in keeping the Church informed as to the progress of the woman's work.

THE BULLETIN.

Twelve hundred and thirty-four auxiliaries report using the *Bulletin*, an increase over last year of 634.

SUMMER CONFERENCES.

Your Educational Secretary visited the Y. W. C. A. Student Conferences at Blue Ridge, N. C., and at Estes Park, Colo., also the Epworth League Conference at Ovoca, Tenn.

Two of these conferences were attended by large delegations of Methodist girls, and thirteen volunteers were reported.

Visiting these conferences has resulted in a personal touch with the girls of our denomination, and frequent letters have been received asking for programs and leaflets bearing on our work. Our reports indicate an increase in the gifts of our college girls.

The Educational Secretary visited the Home and Foreign Conferences at Chautauqua and conducted the Methods Hour two days. She also attended the midwinter conference of the Missionary Education Movement in New York, the Garden City meeting, and the triennial meeting of the Foreign Mission Boards in New York in January. She was made Chairman of the Student Committee of the Federation of Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada.

ITINERATION.

The Educational Secretary visited the Louisville and the Alabama Conference in the interest of the membership campaign and attended district meetings in the Tennessee Conference.

She visited the annual meetings of the North Carolina, Western North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Denver Conferences and is glad to report enthusiastic meetings and a fine spirit of unity.

Reports of officers at these meetings indicate the value of the leaflets in building efficiency in the auxiliary and in stimulating generous giving. There has been a gratifying use of yearbooks, and we are glad to report that the sales during the first quarter very nearly equaled the cost of printing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Not the least important part of the work of the Educational Secretary lies in the daily correspondence. Through correspondence your Secretary has endeavored to keep in close touch with the work as it has been carried on in the different Conferences and by personal letters to Conference and auxiliary officers, study class leaders, college students, and pastors has sought to enlarge the usefulness of her department. In addition to this line of promotion, 15 circular letters have been sent out during the year, and an effort has been made to answer every letter that has come to her desk.

VALUE OF MISSION STUDY AND MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

No argument for the study of missions is necessary among the enlightened womanhood of to-day. We realize its importance, and many

who have not been enrolled in mission study classes have enjoyed the books as members of reading circles.

The moral and spiritual value of missionary literature cannot be measured by statistics, but will manifest itself in a larger life and a more devoted service in the years to come. "Truth works silently but effectively in the lives of those who treasure it."

HOME BASE, MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, SECRETARY.

This has been a year of wonderful activity on the part of Conferences and auxiliaries; and the result is a satisfying growth in numbers, a substantial increase in collections, and a marvelous quickening of interest in the organized work of the Woman's Missionary Society. As we survey the progress of the year, we feel that there is cause for deep gratitude for the work already done and in every particular a promising outlook for the future.

This closes our first year of organic union and brings us to the time when we can count organizations and members with a reasonable degree of accuracy. Early in 1915 the uniform report books were issued for Conference, District, and Auxiliary Secretaries. By this means we have had uniform report blanks, which have brought far more satisfactory returns than before. Reports from the Conferences are given in the table of statistics on the last page of the report. From this table we obtain the following totals, which indicate with some accuracy the numerical statistics of our work in organizations and members:

Adult Auxiliaries	4,582
Members	107,347
Young People's Auxiliaries	1,299
Members	24,721
Children's Auxiliaries	1,729
Members	42,084
Baby Divisions	920
Members	12,733

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This leads us naturally to a report of the campaign inaugurated at our last Council meeting, which has had the chief place in our efforts during the year.

Plans for Conference committees, to be adapted to the needs and conditions of their several Conferences, were issued immediately after the last Council meeting, and several issues of the *Bulletin* and *Missionary Voice* were used in setting forth the urgency of the undertaking. In the great majority of Conferences a committee was appointed at once, and an earnest, enthusiastic response was made to the Council plans. Immediately steps were taken to inaugurate the various plans adopted by the different Conferences. They have all centered about the two features of enlisting the uninterested women in the Churches where the society was organized and effecting organization in Churches

where there were none. In some Conferences a Sunday was set for the presentation of the woman's work from the pulpit, which presentation was followed by a systematic canvass for new members. Rallies and all-day meetings were held in which several auxiliaries met for mutual study of the field and instruction in the work. From these meetings volunteer workers were assigned to the unorganized Churches. There has been throughout the year the unmistakable evidence in many Conferences of a great movement on the part of the Conference and auxiliary leaders to win the women for this great cause. The returns from this year of effort, as far as they can be tabulated, are as follows:

	New Aux- iliaries.	New Mem- bers.
Adult	424	12,140
Young People	333	5,255
Children	355	9,684
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Total	1,112	27,079

The largest gains are as follows:

	Auxiliaries.
North Georgia	118
Texas	79
North Mississippi	74
Tennessee	62
Upper South Carolina	61
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	Membership.
North Georgia	4,121
Central Texas	1,870
North Mississippi	1,442
Western North Carolina	1,448
Memphis	1,316

Upper South Carolina and Texas each had more than 1,200; Louisville, more than 1,100; Southwest Missouri, North Alabama, Louisiana, and Baltimore, each more than 1,000 new members.

There is an unwritten record which cannot be given here. It contains an account of the devoted, enthusiastic, tactful effort of many workers with the resultant spiritual quickening. Had there been no gain in auxiliaries and membership, there would still have been gained much in consecration to Him for whom we labor and in intelligent service for his cause. The figures show that the campaign effort has been a success as far as we have gone, but everywhere there is the feeling that we have only begun our work and are just finding out how to do it. Every Conference from which I have been able to hear is laying larger plans for the present year. Several have set the time and begun already to prepare for whirlwind campaigns.

OFFICE WORK.

This has been most pressing throughout the year. With two faithful, efficient helpers, I have only by unremitting effort met its demands. There are almost infinite possibilities for cultivating the Conferences through this channel. There is reason to believe that the distribution of literature has been fairly satisfactory and that the correspondence has been helpful to the workers. The sales have been as follows:

"Days of June"	\$ 25 06
Other books	87 19
Leaflets, entertainments, and charts	163 77
Record books	1,364 17
Yearbooks	250 95
"Helps for Missionary Societies"	242 97

Total from sales remitted to Mrs. Ross, Treasurer. \$2,134 11

Helps for other Boards	\$ 229 13
Junior pins and pennants	382 40
Young People's pins and pennants	459 00

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

Reports from every Conference show a gratifying increase in the number of auxiliaries observing the Week of Prayer. The total number reported to me is 2,306. Mrs. Ross's figures show that the financial returns are ample for the year's work in Japan and on the Pacific Coast. We rejoice in the increase, but must press the battle until every auxiliary annually enjoys the benefits of and makes its contributions at this season.

IN THE CONFERENCES.

I have been able by correspondence to keep in close touch with the work in the Conferences and have visited some of them, and I am happy to say that, while there are many conditions needing change, many leagues to go before our organization reaches its goal and comes into its place of power in bringing in the kingdom which our Father intended it to have when he planned it (for it is one of God's plans), there are at the same time many encouraging features. There surely was never a time when the body of Conference leaders were so enthusiastic, so earnest in their effort to advance the interests of the organization, or when the response from the auxiliaries was more loyal and loving. The details of Conference and district work are well in hand, and the conduct and oversight of the work is systematic and thorough in the majority of the Conferences. The cultivation is becoming intensive.

OUR FUTURE RESPONSIBILITY.

There are before us now two lines of work that must be pressed vigorously. One is the continued campaign of which I have spoken. The other is the meeting of the obligation that results from the campaign; the cultivation of the societies newly organized. There are no satisfactory figures with which to compare our reports from adult societies for this year; but if we show the large increase we should in the report of next year, it will be as the result of unremitting watchfulness over the societies already gained and those to be organized during the year. The societies which have responded to the call for volunteer service in organizing societies cannot shirk the responsible relation growing out of this effort. They must be "big sisters" to the weaklings. District Secretaries should cultivate them most assiduously. Every Conference officer must pay them special attention. Let it be our aim to bring every one of these "little ones" up to the statue of a well-developed "one-year-old" by the end of this year. I would suggest that all rallies and all-day meetings for the year be held with these auxiliaries. Let other auxiliaries send delegations of visitors to them. The well-established societies can afford to forego some of the cultivation they have been seeking for themselves through visits from the District Secretaries and Conference officers and from the meetings they would entertain and secure their own growth from their activities in behalf of others. Thus shall the strong bear the burden of the weak and grow stronger.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1915

CONFERENCE.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young People Members.	Children's Auxiliaries.	Children Members.	Baby Divisions.	Baby Members	Week of Prayer.
1 Alabama.....	132	2,572	33	566	66	1,776	22	521	94
2 Baltimore.....	133	2,438	52	1,094	59	1,601	41	498	121
3 Central Texas.....	183	5,437	46	1,270	71	1,014	50	142	66
4 Columbia.....	10	184							4
5 Denver.....	10		2		2				4
6 East Columbia.....	14	171	2	11	11				2
7 East Oklahoma.....	124	2,423	19	275	40	1,226	32	400	47
8 Florida.....	122	3,271	24	615	59	1,800	25	450	110
9 Holston.....	143	4,391	41	631	34	786	56	1,192	97
10 Illinois.....	16	213	6	100	8	93	2	9	6
11 Kentucky.....	135	2,480	35	482	61	993	50	449	94
12 Little Rock.....	87	2,957	18	467	22	804	11	187	41
13 Los Angeles.....	24	701	3	60				79	11
14 Louisiana.....	93	2,226	19	396	50	1,296	21	164	56
15 Louisville.....	167	2,775	32	463	55	1,094	32	330	68
16 Memphis.....	133	3,212	46	845	55	785	20	444	77
17 Mississippi.....	126	2,463	36	674	36	814	4	37	67
18 Missouri.....	104	1,729	15	300					41
19 Montana.....	7	129					1	12	3
20 New Mexico.....	40	567	8	160	11	419	6	50	17
21 North Alabama.....	140	3,730	36	614					66
22 North Arkansas.....	111	2,466	21	341	50	1,249		220	63
23 North Carolina.....	255	3,748	48	815	104	3,119	49	421	121
24 North Georgia.....	276	7,649	123	2,325	186	4,365	81	955	196
25 North Mississippi.....	100	2,431	38	484	35	670	10	88	57
26 North Texas.....	140	3,260	22	152	23	532	21		85
27 Northwest Texas.....	112	2,429	17	285	14	403	12	185	30
28 Pacific.....	46	991	3	37	6	115	22	190	11
29 St. Louis.....	80	2,229	18	243	14	176	8	83	32
30 South Carolina.....	138	3,322	41	841	70	1,641	6	131	30
31 South Georgia.....	214	4,342	69	950	113	3,474	34	560	116
32 Southwest Missouri.....	112	3,041	31	843	32	874	31	240	50
33 Tennessee.....	175	3,850	63	1,131	91	1,805	120	2,540	88
34 Texas.....	151	3,211	35	540	55	861	23	341	112
35 Upper South Carolina.....	152	3,176	45	758	63	1,431	8	119	44
36 Virginia.....	264	7,532	124	3,505	48	1,297	32	385	36
37 West Oklahoma.....	100	1,800	28	615	42	1,376	2	35	35
38 West Texas.....	149	3,233	19	281	52	1,582	42	685	85
39 Western North Carolina.....	112	3,004	64	1,214	76	2,142	35	542	75
40 Western Virginia.....	52	1,064	17	338	22	434	11	99	18
Total.....	4,582	107,347	1,299	24,721	1,729	42,048	920	12,733	2,306

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BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, SUPERINTENDENT.

The record of the past year in this department of work would be a stirring story if into it we might weave our hopes and aspirations, our songs of praise for victories won, as well as our discouragements over battles lost. In some sections there have been hard struggles for better conditions, in others a passive waiting until the time for action shall be ripe. We often forget that God's time is now, and that it is he who is kept waiting until we are ready.

The work which it is my privilege to report is a record of effort and achievement made by the superintendents in the Conferences and auxiliaries under conditions which I am led to believe have brought to them a deeper love for humanity, a larger vision of the mission of the Church to the world, and a keener sense of their dependence on God. It has been a year of peculiar difficulties. The women who are striving to build up the kingdom of God upon earth by promoting the work of this department give thanks to Almighty God for the efficient services of the Secretaries at Nashville, who have not suffered the work to lag during this period of severe testing. Our sense of gratitude for the Father's mercies during this period of waiting on him is profound.

The department lost two consecrated workers in the passing away of Mrs. T. J. Marr and Mrs. Mattie Palmer, of the North Carolina and Missouri Conferences. While they are missed from their accustomed places, we rejoice that a heavenly inheritance is theirs.

EDUCATIONAL.

The publications of the department embraced the studies on four phases of adolescent life, developed for the adult and young people's organizations, and the four studies on sanitation presented in the *Young Christian Worker* for the Junior Division. The Conference Superintendents have drawn largely upon the Home Base Secretary for the stock publications of the department as well as for other leaflets and pamphlets bearing on various phases of social service.

There has been a large demand for the plans for the Colored Woman's Community Clubs, which were published in convenient forms as ordered by the Council. Many of the Conference Superintendents are readers of the *Survey*, the *Gospel of the Kingdom*, and other publications dealing with social problems, and are students of the annual reports of the Southern Sociological Congress, the National Conference of Charities and Correction, and other great social and philanthropic organizations. In some cases the Conference has been able to increase the efficiency of the Conference Superintendent of Social Service by giving to her magazine subscriptions or memberships in some of these great bodies when she was unable to carry the financial burden herself. Some of the superin-

tendents have drawn upon the Federal Children's Bureau at Washington and upon their own State Boards of Health for helpful literature. The resources of the State and the National Departments of Education, Child Welfare, and Agriculture are at our command.

INDICATIONS WHICH INDICATE.

One of the most hopeful indications of progress is the intelligent study of Conference and community conditions which is being made here and there throughout our territory, sometimes with the help of the pastor. There is without doubt an increasing interest in the studies and a constantly growing practice on the part of the women to plan, as largely as circumstances will permit, for the presentation of the quarterly topic and to employ trained workers to speak on phases of the subject whenever possible. Mention should be made of fine special meetings reported by the Baltimore, Virginia, and East Oklahoma Conferences. Many auxiliaries known to be making intelligent study of the social service topics each quarter are failing to make reports, so the figures in the statistical report do not fairly indicate the number of studies used. Many of the Superintendents are awake to the need of training the young people and the children to make a clear distinction between works of charity and social service. Clear, definite teaching along this line, followed by a practical application of the principles taught, would release wonderful energies bound up in the young life that is so glad to be used.

We would urge a closer coöperation between pastors, First and Second Vice Presidents, and Superintendents, in order that the tide of helpful impulse, so strong in the hearts of the young, may be taken at the flood. Where neither the organized Sunday school class nor the Epworth League exists, the field is undeveloped unless the Missionary Society will occupy it.

FOR AFRICA AT HOME.

An increasing number of auxiliaries are establishing sympathetic relations with negro communities. The plans providing for the organization of the Colored Community Clubs have been eagerly sought. The Conferences reporting clubs organized are: North Mississippi, 10; Louisville, 3; Kentucky, 2; Southwest Missouri, 2; Louisiana, 1; Tennessee, 1, with another promised. The Texas Conference shows the results of diligent seed-sowing in this field. Twenty auxiliaries are helping the black sister, six are using the Community Club programs, and sixteen others are planning organizations. North Arkansas reports two auxiliaries using the club programs and three doing unorganized work.

Interesting discoveries of negro efficiency have been made by women who were seeking openings for the establishment of club work, and in every instance a wholesome spirit of good will and sympathetic

understanding has been established. This field in our Southland is very broad, and the cultivation of it is our own peculiar charge. We plead for a larger and a more kindly ministry to the negro. The white South for its own self-interest, if for no more noble reason, must respect the negro's desire to help himself where the desire exists, and must help him to find himself when it does not. He will appreciate our personal friendship and kindly sympathy more than anything else we can give him. In a spirit of friendly coöperation the two races must march, with faces toward the light, in separate companies, but a solid phalanx to the stirring notes of a better humanity.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

Many Conferences gave aid to the National Reform Association in its effort to secure the passage of the Gillette Anti-Polygamy Bill, and a small group petitioned their Representatives at Washington to support the Federal Child Labor Amendment, which purposes to bar from interstate commerce such articles as are produced by child labor. Committees on legislation have had a varied assortment of experiences through their efforts to influence legislative bodies in city and State.

In California the cheerful note is sounded: "We helped to *pass* and *enforce* the abatement and injunction law against unlawful houses, and the home is still intact." In Kentucky a plaintive minor tone conveys the message that a few of the women coöperated with the woman's clubs in an effort to secure the passage of a bill providing for a home for delinquent girls and with the W. C. T. U. and other organizations in their hopeless fight for prohibition. One group of women in a mining county where illiteracy abounds sent up a wail of woe when the appropriation for the illiteracy commission was reduced to a minimum. Virginia Conference women made appeals to lawmaking bodies for closer censorship of moving pictures, for raising the age of protection for girls, for the establishment of police women in the city of Richmond, and for the enactment of a minimum wage law for women workers. South Carolina reports efforts to secure cleaner moving pictures and coöperation with the movement to secure a home for wayward girls. The conviction of this need was made more real when two young girls in their teens were committed to the penitentiary because the State provided no other place for them. Oklahoma Conferences report among their legislative activities work for equal suffrage, a mothers' pension bill, a bill for supervised playgrounds, and an anticigarette measure. West Oklahoma proposes to try to have the anticigarette bill read in every schoolroom in the Conference. North Arkansas worked for better moving pictures, for prohibition, and made earnest effort to aid in the enforcement of existing laws.

CONFERENCE.

	Reporters	Auxiliaries Reported in Conference.	Auxiliaries Having Superintendents of Social Service.	Auxiliaries Having Committees on Social Service.	Visiting Benevolent and Charitable Institutions.	Foreign-Community Conditions.	Number Reporting Committees on Negro and Immigrant Work.	Number Reporting Committees on Laws.	Number Reporting Other Social Service Work.	Number Co-operating with Other Agencies.	Number Doing Friendly Visiting.	Number Reporting Studying Topic.	Number Applying Study.
Alabama.....	4	82	97	90	9	21	6	2	3	19	17	19	14
Baltimore.....	4	188	90	46	31	38	5	5	15	29	41	39	25
Central Texas.....	3	162	119	.....	50	102	25	22	26	50	28	119	28
Columbia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denver.....	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1
East Colorado.....	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Columbia.....	1	15	15	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
East Oklahoma.....	4	145	100	90	8	26	8	90	100	26	100	135	100
Holston.....	4	127	15	14	4	10	1	1	14	4	12	10	6
Florida.....	4	152	71	32	10	15	3	3	22	15	22	22	15
Illinois.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	4	172	107	23	6	13	2	2	6	11	18	22	9
Little Rock.....	2	86	43	41	12	33	1	1	12	.....	.....	41	39
Los Angeles.....	4	28	13	13	7	13	1	1	6	6	13	11	8
Louisiana.....	4	125	75	75	4	5	1	2	12	5	7	15	7
Louisville.....	4	183	115	43	27	36	8	5	34	26	43	42	26
Memphis.....	2	152	90	50	20	15	2	2	20	25	40	20	15
Mississippi.....	2	73	59	7	3	5	2	1	.....	1	6	5	3
Missouri.....	3	99	23	23	1	1	5	3	7	15	.....	18	12
Montana.....	2	7	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	2
New Mexico.....	4	42	25	25	4	25	4	25	11	4	38	10	6
North Alabama.....	4	150	25	25	14	19	5	3	9	12	21	28	11
North Arkansas.....	4	146	14	13	4	5	11	2	8	6	13	25	5
North Carolina.....	4	200	100	8	5	7	1	.....	2	2	7	17	2
North Georgia.....	4	452	184	75	42	28	20	14	.....	54	27	43	.....
North Mississippi.....	4	134	82	50	10	25	10	.....	25	20	90	80	.....
North Texas.....	1	155	109	109	12	18	3	5	7	11	26	11	.....
Northwest Texas.....	4	122	18	15	.....	10	.....	.....	2	8	18	20	7
Pacific.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis.....	2	104	25	24	11	14	1	.....	7	13	19	18	13
South Carolina.....	4	200	125	125	125	125	8	.....	5	9	125	125	135
South Georgia.....	1	221	16	1	10	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	4	177	48	28	3	16	2	1	9	10	8	23	10
Tennessee.....	4	260	61	61	33	50	21	11	28	15	61	61	26
Texas.....	4	204	170	87	30	57	24	10	33	27	73	68	52
Upper South Carolina.....	3	187	75	9	6	8	1	1	7	8	12	23	6
Virginia.....	1	336	175	175	100	50	.....	3	.....	40	200	50	20
West Oklahoma.....	4	75	34	34	10	34	.....	.....	.....	30	34	11	.....
West Texas.....	4	150	130	124	.....	21	5	1	11	11	21	34	.....
Western North Carolina.....	3	120	110	.....	5	7	2	2	7	6	10	16	6
Western Virginia.....	4	67	36	7	4	3	.....	.....	4	5	5	4	4

COÖPERATION.

Effort at community uplift has brought about coöperation with Parent Teacher Associations, Civic Leagues, the State and County Boards of Health, the extension department of the State universities, the missionary societies of other denominations and men's federations. Where two or more Conferences exist in any State the work will be strengthened by mutual understanding and coöperation between the Conference Superintendents of Social Service.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

Busy superintendents have launched and nurtured a varied program of activities. There are records of prayer services in jails and among the forgotten ones in almshouses. Destitute children have been placed in safe homes and institutions. Here and there the proper agencies have been enlisted to provide employment for parents and clothing and books for children in order that the children might attend school. Campaigns have been initiated in some communities for cleaner groceries and for annual clean-up days. There is a large record of coöperation in these necessary movements in populous centers.

North Arkansas bears record to a movable Wesley House which is helping to solve some rural problems. Their clubs for working girls, children's story hours, and sewing classes are also interesting features of the work. The Texas Conference launched a campaign to establish a free clinic in the public schools and secured the voluntary service of a trained physician to give health talks whenever an opening could be made. The Louisville Conference makes a special feature of the Fresh-Air League. In two years thirty-one children from the neighborhood of the Wesley House have been given a blessed two weeks' vacation in the country. Nineteen children were helped last year, and country homes were open for more, but money for transportation was lacking. West Oklahoma helped to provide libraries for the State prison and Reform School and launched a vigorous and successful campaign in Oklahoma City to enforce obedience to the law providing for nine-hour day employment for women.

The young people and juniors have responded gladly to calls to service. They have taken part in "Spotless Town" campaigns, have distributed flowers to shut-ins and prisons, have made scrapbooks for hospitals, and have contributed kindly ministries when wise leaders have shown the way.

SURVEY OF THE FIELD.

The removal of responsibility for local Church and parsonage work from this department has in some sections left groups of women stranded on shores where life glides on so radiantly that they find nothing to do in this field of endeavor. The result is that no auxiliary Superintendent of Social Service is created and nurtured, so the most

earnest effort made by the Conference officer to develop the field by her counsel and plans is obstructed because the proper channel of communication is not opened. No woman, even in the remote country places, will say that there is nothing to be done when she once catches a vision of an ever-widening gulf between the Church and community life, caused in some measure by our unwise efforts to apply seventeenth-century methods to twentieth-century conditions.

No one can say there is nothing to do so long as preventable disease takes in our beautiful Southland its enormous annual toll of life. A knowledge and application of the most elementary principles of sanitation would reduce these figures. Economic loss from preventable disease is an offense to Him who commanded his followers to heal and cleanse, as well as preach.

Compulsory education laws have not been placed on the statute books of all the States and they are not rigidly enforced in all States where they do exist. Surely a study of a thing which so vitally concerns the welfare of the child, as do the school laws, is legitimate work for any Social Service Department. While we are giving time and money to the efforts to give sight to the unhappy ones who are groping in the darkness of illiteracy, let us do what we can to prevent further illiteracy by making an intelligent study of our school laws.

Some of us whose tender womanly sympathies are enlisted for the unhappy child slaves across the sea are living under State laws which do not afford legal protection from base human passions for little girls of ten and twelve years. Some of us live under laws which permit child labor in mine and mill, in field and factory, to distort the bodies and souls of future citizens, because commercial greed defeats the passage of adequate child labor laws or because of lax enforcement of existing regulations.

All over the South there are communities where the medieval methods employed in our prisons and places of detention for the criminal and misdemeanant are a stench in the nostrils of Jehovah. There are hundreds of communities where the street, with its menace to morals and life, is the only place where many children can find a place to play. Utopia is still a dream. There are but few places in the bounds of our Methodism where special study and special stimulus are not necessary before comfortable people become sensitive to the wrong moral and social conditions about them and are moved to put forces in motion to right those wrong conditions.

As every Conference in our Methodism knows, it is the province of this department to help supply the study and the stimulus. But the most earnest and intelligent efforts are rendered abortive where the auxiliary fails to conform to the general scheme.

Missionary women must not fail because of a short-sighted vision. More and more must we get the thought that the Church exists that it may serve humanity and that the Church and the community rise or fall together.

The far-reaching social program exemplified in the mind and ministry of our Lord is as yet unfulfilled, though the thought and spirit of our age are pregnant with it. In the development of his program Christ's bride must lead the way.

This new age is calling unto the ancient Church: "Fulfill thy social ministry."

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES, MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

We are happy to report an increase in number of donations and value of same sent this year, although only twenty-four Conferences have reported to me, while twenty-eight reported last year. Several thousand dollars' worth of supplies have been sent to various Conference orphanages by our local auxiliaries, besides heavy calls for local supplies have been met by these same women, none of which can be included in this report.

A call was made for aid to be sent to our needy neighbors, the Mexicans, and in answer to this call eighteen donations, valued at \$571.85, were sent. There were twenty-five donations, valued at \$423.73, sent to our foreign work, and many more would have been sent if conditions brought about by the war had not made their safe delivery very uncertain.

The St. Louis Conference leads in value of supplies sent, as has been the case for several years past, having sent this year one hundred donations, valued at \$3,792.60. Of this one hundred donations, forty-three were sent to preachers, the largest sent by any one Conference. Special mention should be made in this connection of the Louisville Conference having sent fifty-two donations, and thirty-nine of these went to preachers. Again, St. John's Church, St. Louis, sent the largest number of donations, having sent eight, valued at \$1,000. The North Georgia Conference sent the largest number of donations, having sent one hundred and sixteen, valued at \$3,086.01, an increase over last year of sixty-eight donations, valued at \$1,328.93.

The Memphis Conference and several others have made increase in both number and value. The Conference Superintendents in many of the Conferences have been helpful and interested, but we are sorry to state that many sent no report to me during the entire year.

Some boxes were sent to our Training School, which were enjoyed and appreciated, as were those to various institutions. Many were sent to our Wesley Houses, which proved a great help to the workers and in building up the various lines of work. An increase in the number of donations to preachers is a source of joy to us and a great blessing in these homes.

The report as a whole is as follows: Donations: To preachers, 371; to mission schools, rescue homes, city mission boards, etc., 792; to Mexicans, 18; to foreign fields, 25. Total, 1,206. Total value, \$30,337.64.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES OF CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations to Preachers.	Donations to Mission Schools, Rescue Homes, City Mission Boards.	Foreign Fields.	Mexicans.	Total Number Donations.	Total Value of Donations.
Alabama.....	5	11			16	455 86
Baltimore.....	15	21	2	2	40	696 42
Central Texas.....	6	57		1	64	1,437 10
Columbia.....						
Denver.....						
East Columbia.....						
East Oklahoma.....						
Florida.....	8	2		1	11	270 10
Holston.....		88			88	1,627 07
Illinois.....						
Kentucky.....						
Little Rock.....	13	3			16	1,076 63
Los Angeles.....						
Louisiana.....						
Louisville.....	39	9	4		52	1,437 60
Memphis.....	15	38			53	1,123 44
Mississippi.....	4	4			8	59 40
Missouri.....	2	59	1		62	839 14
Montana.....						
New Mexico.....						
North Alabama.....	19	1		4	24	1,119 83
North Arkansas.....						
North Carolina.....	23				23	689 00
North Georgia.....	27	88		1	116	3,086 01
North Mississippi.....	1	24			25	315 15
North Texas.....	5	57			62	1,360 75
Northwest Texas.....	6	17		9	32	525 24
Pacific.....						
St. Louis.....	43	57			100	3,792 60
South Carolina.....	2	2			4	55 00
South Georgia.....	34	66	1		101	2,815 70
Southwest Missouri.....						
Tennessee.....	30	63			93	2,301 35
Texas.....	19	36	15		70	1,365 47
Upper South Carolina.....	8	1			9	292 38
Virginia.....	12	28			40	2,009 40
West Oklahoma.....						
West Texas.....	7	36			43	354 35
Western North Carolina.....	25	22	2		49	1,085 80
Western Virginia.....	3	2			5	146 85
Grand total.....	371	792	25	18	1,206	\$30,337 64

FIELD WORKER, MRS. S. S. HARRIS.

Tracings of the itinerary of your field worker since last April would bear a striking resemblance to the game "Fox and Hounds." I went from Little Rock to South Georgia for three weeks of District Conferences and appointments between. Thirty-two days of well-planned work in the North Georgia Conference, speaking once every day and often twice, not covering, however, more than half the districts in the time allowed, followed without even a day's intermission. I doubled back to the Little Rock Conference, attending every district meeting, speaking fourteen times in seven days, with the mercury over one hundred.

The Seashore Assembly at Biloxi, the last week of July, was the next assignment. Five talks were given three in one day. This ended on August 1 a suit case life of five months, beginning in February. A month's rest in August, fishing, reading, and sleeping, afraid to show myself in a Methodist church, knowing I would be called upon to substitute for some absent pastor, gave strength for the strenuous autumn work.

From September 15 to December 15 there was steady work in the North Arkansas and Louisiana Conferences. Mrs. Hawley arranged well a most reasonable itinerary with about twenty-one appointments to five weeks and no Sunday travel; but urgent requests *en route* totaled an average of ten and one-half talks a week.

A complete itinerary of the Louisiana Conference was in my hands before leaving Arkansas, and I knew there would be no hitch. Mrs. Holt has none. Mail reached me regularly twice a week, as in Arkansas, forwarding addresses having been furnished. A few days before Christmas my face was turned to Nashville, where I read and rested, taking this time to visit in Louisville a week, where I spoke twice.

The order to "Go West" was obeyed, and January 15 found me in Oklahoma. The elements were snowy and icy, but the welcome was most cordial and the meetings good. I was glad to serve them again. Fifteen well-planned days in the Central Texas Conference showed results in members, money, and volunteers. Work in Greenville and Sherman prior to the North Texas Conference session was very gratifying. The many calls from delegates at Paris decided Mrs. Smith to wire and ask for March; and a great month it has been, though no frame of flesh and blood could stand up long to such heavy travel and speaking. Ten to fourteen talks a week—once, twenty-one times in eight days.

The North Georgia Conference, even in May, was pushing and planning the membership campaign and of course reaped results in the autumn. The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences had very excellent plans, and despite floods they were organizing new societies. Both have an unusually large number of young, energetic, pushing

District Secretaries. No ruts. They have premium women as well as premium apples.

Louisiana has more odds to work against than any Conference visited. To organize in a town of ninety per cent Catholics is heroic, yet it is done. Sixty thousand Catholic French in Houma Mission, and a foreign element in every town in the lower half of the State! Many "aids" (a Louisiana presiding elder calls them "hindrance" societies) were lifted up to missionary, largely by heart-to-heart talks on each paragraph of that excellent leaflet, "What It Costs to Refuse to Join the Missionary Society." They said: "We did not know." When a woman knows how "her twenty" are living, she answers, "Yes," when told "The Master is come and calleth for you."

Every department of the organization has been presented and stressed, and every line of work, home and foreign, represented, campaign pushed, publicly and privately, in sessions and out. In response to urgent requests, more addresses have been made on China. The men want this, and the Sunday schools are needing the information. It holds and inspires the audiences, which in the main have been large.

The Bible hours have been a meeting place with God. One, given through an interpreter to the Indian women, was truly blessed of him.

Many colleges and high schools have been addressed; volunteers have come in a number of places, eight at Fort Worth and five at Paris. Subscribers to the *Voice* and *Young Christian Worker* have been obtained, pledges increased, and individual specials secured. The Wesley House in Atlanta, St. Mark's Hall in New Orleans, Co-operative Home in Waco, and the Virginia K. Johnson Home have all received of me and I of them, which the more I cannot say.

Has the work been worth while? Ask those I have served. The service has been a joyful one, and I thank you for the work and the Father for strength and ability to meet the requirements.

THE MISSIONARY VOICE, MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, EDITOR.

ELECTION.

At a called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, held during the session of the Board of Missions (1915), it was deemed wise to elect a woman editor of the *Missionary Voice*. The work had been done since the General Conference by the Secretaries of the Council, each one sharing in it, supplying material from her own department and otherwise assisting in the editorial work of the paper. The pressure of duties in the office of the Secretaries, however, was great, giving scant opportunity and time for editorial claims. Each one of them also recognized the need of more definite and concentrated attention to the important facts regarding the work done by the women of the Church on the home and foreign

fields and the necessity for putting this work into the hands of one not burdened.

The work of the present editor was undertaken July 1. Appreciating the privilege of service, and with mind and heart enlisted in the rare opportunity afforded, and using all available means for preparedness, the work has been a delight as well as a responsibility.

SPACE PERMITTED.

It is a matter of regret that the space allowed for woman's work must necessarily be limited. In the present size of the magazine but eight pages are given for woman's work, under the headlines of "Our Own Land" and "Regions Beyond." The "Home Base" Department space permits of elasticity and is used as the needs demand, with the outside limit of six pages.

AIM AND OUTLOOK.

In an age in which missions have become popularized and the world is astir from home center to farthest extremity of pagan life, the outlook for the presentation of a missionary literature of thrilling interest and convincing fact is bewildering in its richness. Your editors aspire toward the highest possible attainment, in literary skill, in illustrative art, and in fresh, comprehensive, world-wide missionary facts, as well as in reports of mission work in our own Church. They are looking toward and working for a program which includes a magazine twice the present size and that will take its place with the best in the world of missionary literature. This program calls for a trebling of the present subscription list. The loyal support of a great Church will make possible this ideal. To attain it will be to push forward the occupation of the fields for which the Church stands responsible and so to hasten the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth.

AUXILIARY INTEREST.

Much praise must be accorded the agents in the auxiliaries. But for their faithfulness and the loyalty of the auxiliary membership, the record to-day would be far less creditable. The restoring of the five-cent commission to agents is meeting with universal favor and is being used, as formerly, in many instances toward a year's subscription for some one uninterested or unable to subscribe.

CLUB OFFERS.

Most attractive combinations have been affected with more than one hundred of the leading magazines. Through these combinations the *Voice* is able to offer to subscribers a lower rate than is possible in single subscriptions. This opportunity to bring to the home at reduced rates the high-grade popular magazines in connection with the official organ of the Board of Missions is making a strong appeal and should be widely circulated in reading circles.

**THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER, SARA ESTELLE HASKIN,
EDITOR.**

I began my work as editor of the *Young Christian Worker* on August 1, 1915, at this time putting into the hands of the printer the September issue. The form of the paper has been changed, but the actual available space has remained the same. The object in the change was threefold: First, to put it in a form more easily handled by the children; secondly, to differentiate it from the Sunday school papers which are received gratis; thirdly, to put it in magazine form, which would make possible an illustrated front page, thus enhancing its attractiveness.

It is very difficult to make the magazine really attractive because of the small subscription price, the inability to secure at all times good and appropriate pictures from which to make cuts, and the lack of equipment in the Publishing House for the production of good colorings. This is a matter, however, which we are continually seeking to attain.

In editing the paper there has been one definite aim, that of appealing to the natural, altruistic instinct in the children, thus cultivating within them the spirit of Christian brotherhood. There has been an effort to avoid presenting the people of other classes as being in any sense inferior or as "down-and-out classes." On the other hand there has been the presentation of the positive side—the likeness of all others to ourselves, the common needs, and the common responsibility of all who have had a chance in giving this same chance to all their brothers and sisters.

By some means the children of our Church should be made to be so in love with all the children all over the world that in the Church of to-morrow there shall be a spontaneous instinctive sense of the common brotherhood of man.

Another aim that has been kept in view has been that of setting before the little readers ideals in the field of missionary activity that would be worthy of attainment, hoping thereby to aid in recruiting the ranks of the volunteers for the future Church. To accomplish these aims there has been an effort to present:

1. Facts about the people of the mission field in story form.
2. Life stories of our workers and missionaries.
3. Letters from the children of the missionaries. This has so stimulated interest that one little girl from the coal field says she gets all the mail of the family. This was because the children of the Church were answering the letters which this little immigrant had sent to the *Young Christian Worker*.
4. Junior programs and junior letters for the promotion of auxiliary methods.
5. Stories from the children themselves. A call was made for stories of an immigrant woman whose picture appeared on the front page of

the January number. Dozens of juniors responded, and the best of the stories are being printed. In this way the children are being given a part in the making of the paper, and a sense of helpful ownership is being cultivated.

The editor, who is also the supervisor of a live settlement work, has given all the time possible to getting the value and the needs of the magazine before the women and children of the Church. To this end, an attractive peace pin has been offered for every twelve new subscribers. The plan has been quite popular and the supply of the two hundred pins has been almost exhausted. Letters have been sent to the Conference First and Second Vice Presidents and to the Publicity Superintendents urging that they push the membership campaign recommended by the Council at its last session.

The editor has attended eleven Conference meetings, presenting the claims of the paper and securing not only cash subscriptions, but also pledges from individuals, auxiliaries, and districts for definite numbers to be secured. In every case there has been a most hearty response.

The great difficulty in securing and keeping an increase in the subscription list lies in the irresponsibility of the little agents in securing renewals and the fact that the subscribers are constantly outgrowing the children's paper. Because of these things we urge the greater diligence upon the part of the adult members of the auxiliaries, and we recommend: First, that the campaign for the increase of subscribers be pushed more vigorously for the coming year. Secondly, that the Conference Second Vice Presidents urge upon all of the Second Vice Presidents their responsibility for the work of the little agents, giving special care to see that all renewals are made on time and that every possible effort is made to put the *Young Christian Worker* into every home in the Church where there are children.

THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL—TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

In presenting this our twenty-fifth annual report to the Woman's Missionary Council memories of faith fulfilled and plans and purposes shaped into action under the guiding hand of God awaken thanksgiving, even though the present is shadowed by the unlooked-for calamity which will ever make the year 1915 an epoch in the history of the institution. It is well to remember that its highest achievements during the twenty-five years of its history are not destroyed and that, while financial losses now embarrass and cripple the institution, which owes its existence to the Woman's Missionary Society, yet your investment in lives that have been enriched and transfigured through its instrumentality has in no wise been depreciated in worth. On the contrary, its value will continue to increase in proportion to the increase in number of its trained workers consecrated to the service of Christ and the Church.

Our last report was made to you at Little Rock, a city identified

with the inception of the Training School; and it seems appropriate to present our twenty-fifth annual report in Atlanta, the birthplace of the Woman's Missionary Society, where, we trust, you will be led once more to "attempt great things for God and to expect great things from God."

Our report of the year's work will begin with the close of last session. It is gratifying to note that out of the twenty-five graduates who were granted diplomas at commencement, fifteen commissioned by you to serve as deaconesses and foreign missionaries went out from training into service under the Woman's Missionary Council.

VOCATION OCCUPATIONS.

The plans which had been indorsed by you in behalf of the school were carried out during vacation. The summer opened auspiciously. Miss Howell began her itinerary as Student Secretary in June and continued until the latter part of August. She attended the Student Young Women's Christian Association Conference on June 4-13 and the Missionary Education Movement Conference June 25-July 4 held at Blue Ridge, N. C. Besides these assemblies, she visited five Epworth League conferences—viz., South Carolina, North and South Georgia, Tennessee, Corpus Christi, Texas—and, last of all, Lake Junaluska, N. C., making addresses at each and in some cases teaching daily and *en route* visiting settlements and Wesley Houses. She was abundant in labors, which were done in the power of the Spirit, and we expected rich fruitage from her services, especially when the Training School household held a prayer circle for her daily, presenting always two definite petitions—for an enlarged student body and for increased finances. Both these petitions remain unanswered, but God has already granted us vision to see that, though our petitions were not granted, yet his grace has been sufficient and has served to meet our deeper needs. Besides this, we still confidently expect a bountiful harvest from the summer seed-sowing.

We took no decisive action on the selection of a permanent Field Secretary for the school as approved by you, and fortunately we made no definite plans for the erection of the proposed new building for which the Board of Missions authorized this Board to raise \$50,000.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

As our Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,423 in the treasury at the last annual meeting of the Board of Managers, we resolved to make two needed improvements—viz., to paint the chapel, which had not been painted for twelve years and which stood greatly in need of renewal, and to install an oil furnace, which we hoped would serve to lessen our expenses and our smoke. The high price of fuel oil, \$1.60 per barrel, instead of 75 cents or 80 cents as a year ago, prevented the former, and the low pressure of the city water hindered the latter from com-

plete success. And yet the oil furnace has been a great improvement over coal-heating. The chapel in its new dress is beautiful and has been a joy all through the year.

FAREWELL TO MISSIONARIES FOR THE ORIENT.

In August six of the missionaries consecrated at the Council last year stopped at the Training School *en route* to the Orient, and an inspiring farewell service was held in Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in their honor. The Principal of the Training School presided, and the charge was given to the missionaries by Bishop Hendrix, whose parting blessing will linger long in the memory of each of the missionaries and those who heard him.

THE SESSION OF 1915 AND 1916.

In September the school opened with a smaller enrollment than we have had for years. Sixty-six have been enrolled, including seven day pupils, representing fifteen States. Texas leads with sixteen students; Missouri has thirteen; Mississippi, seven; Georgia, six; while eleven other States have each from one to three representatives. The junior class entered upon the work of the school with enthusiasm, which has not abated. The senior class, seventeen in number, have performed their duties well and have borne the trials of the year with quiet courage and loyalty to God and to the school.

WORK OF DEPARTMENTS.

The work in all departments has progressed. There have been no additions to the course, but there have been development and increase of efficiency. Another six weeks' course was added—September 9 to November 1—which was enjoyed chiefly by Kansas City residents.

SUPERVISED FIELD WORK.

The field work supervised by Miss Howell and Miss Gay, while involving some degree of hardship and self-denial, is a wonderful aid to efficiency. Graded according to the experience and ability of the students, the aim is steady development in the direction of their natural talent. The more difficult tasks are reserved for the senior year, where those enrolled in the deaconess course have excellent opportunities for practice in the line of work for which they are preparing.

In December the principal went to New York to attend the Conference on the Preparation of Women for Foreign Missionary Work. It was a notable gathering of men and women, deeply spiritual, and yet very practical and suggestive, and all intent upon the work of training men and women for the service of Christ, the Church, and the world. The discussions were stimulating and yet catholic in spirit. The first conference of its kind, the attendance and the carefully prepared papers

were most gratifying to the director of the new movement, which promises great benefit to missionary training schools.

APPRECIATED GIFTS.

During these days of financial stringency, which began in November, many friends have extended practical help and sympathy. The alumnae have proved their love and loyalty to their *Alma Mater*, three members contributing \$175. Others have sent smaller amounts, and quite a number who had borrowed from the Students' Loan Fund have refunded the loans with interest. Members of the Alumnae Club have also been active in paying their subscriptions. Through Mrs. Frederick Vierling, Superintendent of Supplies in the St. Louis Conference, barrels and boxes of fruit, groceries, and eggs have been sent from auxiliaries in that Conference. The Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were bountifully provided by friends of the student body in Missouri and Texas. Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, always generous, has sent \$200 to aid the school in its emergency. This help has been timely and has served not only to render material aid, but to strengthen and cheer the household. Every expression of love and interest is appreciated and cherished.

COMMENCEMENT.

The close of the session is at hand. Commencement day will be May 15, when seventeen young women expect to receive diplomas. Five of the senior class were juniors in the Methodist Training School last year and were recommended by the faculty as ready for senior work. They have entered so heartily into the school life that they are thoroughly identified with the class and have added their share in numbers and in efficiency. Two of the class have been accepted as foreign missionaries, four will be consecrated as deaconesses at this session, and four will receive appointments as city missionaries.

At commencement this class will be honored by the presence of three officers of the Woman's Missionary Council. Miss Bennett, Mrs. MacDonell, and Miss Head will be the speakers on the program, and the students feel that they are peculiarly favored.

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers, which is usually held in March, has been postponed till May 12 in order to secure the presence of these three officers of the Council who are *ex officio* members of the Board of Managers.

The work of the year is before you. Valuable lessons have been learned by faculty and students, new experiences in the grace and providence of God. Our hope for the future is in the Lord, and we are praying that he who twenty-six years ago led the President of this Council to consecrate her service to arousing the women of the Church to the need for a training school will now guide you by this unerring wisdom in all your plans for the continuance and upbuilding of the institution.

In behalf of the Board.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL AND ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS FOR 1915.

Receipts.

Balance brought forward.....	\$	370	26
From school accounts.....	\$18,078	55	
Salaries by voucher, J. S. Chick, to			
October	4,168	30—	\$22,246 85
Endowments, loans, and interest.....	4,799	88—	27,046 73
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			\$27,416 99

Disbursements.

School accounts	\$18,146	30	
Salaries by voucher, J. S. Chick,			
Treasurer	4,168	30—	\$22,314 60
To J. S. Chick, Treasurer, endow-			
ments, loans, and interest.....	3,848	71	
New loans to students during year...	912	50—	4,761 21—\$27,075 81
Balance on hand January 1, 1916, loan fund and interest.....			38 67
Balance on hand, January 1, 1916, current expenses.....			302 51
			<hr/>
Total			\$27,416 99
Endowments, etc., that should be in the hands of J. S. Chick, Treasurer:			
Productive endowment	\$	86,798	99
Scholarship endowment		55,191	89
Building Extension Fund.....		2,000	00
Balance on Students' Loan Fund.....		2,593	32
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Total			\$146,584 20

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY,
Financial Secretary.

EVANGELISTIC WORK, TINA E. TUCKER, COUNCIL EVANGELIST.

My sister and I labored for three weeks (in May and June, 1915) reading God's Word daily and dealing personally with every girl in the Virginia Johnson Home. We found these young girls and "child mothers" more responsive than the average congregation, while their familiarity with the Word of God would put many Christians to shame. When the heat became so intense that we could no longer occupy the chapel with comfort, we held our services in the open air. The girls occupied the approach to the building, while the faculty listened from the gallery. The enthusiastic singing was wafted beyond the boundary of the Home, convincing the neighbors of the transforming power of the love of God. Many gave bright testimonies of saving grace, while the teachers assured us of their changed lives. This work should appeal to every member of Southern Methodism for their prayers, sympathy, and financial help.

My sister was able to help me in California. Beginning the first part of August, we spent two weeks in our Mexican Mission in Los Angeles with Miss Lola Brown and her assistants, Misses Alfter and McCaughan. We have not been associated with more consecrated, self-denying, happy workers anywhere. While their equipment was the poorest we have ever found, it was a joy to labor with them. We longed to speak Spanish, but Misses McCaughan and Alfter were excellent interpreters, and the hungry-hearted Mexicans crowded the little chapel, while many stood at the doors and windows eager to catch the messages from the old Book. Remarkable interest was manifested among the children. Their songs attracted the people to the early service. One poor, distressed Mexican mother came to us, saying: "I so tired, I so heavy in here [laying her hand on her heart], I wants rest, so tired." As we gave her the promise, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden," we saw the soul rest steal into her countenance and knew that she too understood it. We held special meetings for the mothers and visited in the Mexican quarters. We spent an hour each day with the workers in Bible study, prayer, and hints on personal work. The time seemed ripe here for an organized Church.

At the Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, under the wise leadership of Deaconess Florida Dewar, the work is a phenomenal success. The special service at the Gospel Tabernacle, with the Exposition attractions, made it impossible for us to do our best work there. A number of vesper services, with one special message for young girls, gave us an insight into the opportunities there under favorable circumstances. Here too we appreciated the season of prayer and Bible study with the "inner circle," while we proved the promise, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

An unexpected call from the Wesley House, San Francisco, claimed ten days of our time. Catholics, Jews, Christian Scientists, and backslidden Protestants from various Churches composed our congregation. In addition to the evening Bible-reading, special services were held for the children and young people. While the visible results were very meager, our "upper room" meetings were marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and we believe that the uttermost part of the earth will be influenced by them. Miss Mattie Wright knows how to care for the workers.

Miss Lillie Black and Mrs. Bond had "prepared the way of the Lord" at the Wesley House, Dallas, by house-to-house visitation, personal work, and believing prayer. We witnessed there the old-time Pentecostal power. Boys and girls went home to tell the old story to their unsaved parents, who followed them to the house of God and yielded their lives to him. At the closing service twenty-five of the converts were received into the Church. Fathers, mothers, and children stood together at the altar pledging their allegiance to their new-found Saviour. The best of all is the glad news that the work abides.

November 22 found us at Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss., where we

labored for two weeks. We claimed Jeremiah v. 14: "Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them." God answered prayer. Some were so deeply convicted under the Bible-readings that they left the service before it was half over. Others cried aloud for mercy and found peace. The work among the children refreshed our souls. They came in large numbers to the sewing school and remained for *their service*. We accompanied the workers into the camps and canneries, trying "to speak a word in season" to weary hearts. We accepted a cordial invitation from the good women of Gulfport for an hour of Bible study and came away realizing that the blessing was ours. Miss Hasler writes that the good work continues. She says: "One man who resisted the Holy Spirit all through the meeting has recently been gloriously converted and wants me to tell you that it has cost him sacrifice and suffering, but it pays to serve God."

Our last engagement was at Mobile, Ala., where we spent ten days in the Settlement Home with Deaconess Dora Hoover, the Head Resident, and her assistant, Deaconess Fall. Services were held every evening in the building, and one of the most encouraging features of this work was the largest attendance of the mothers and young women who came for social purity talks and Bible study. The social hour that followed, with sandwiches and coffee served by the deaconesses, afforded an opportunity for the personal touch which we greatly appreciated. Our last service was given to the Settlement Home in the cotton mill district, where Deaconess Hoover delights to labor.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the privileges we enjoyed on this itinerary and for the blessed fellowship with the workers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CITY MISSION AND DEACONESS WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

CITY mission work has been prosecuted by thirty-nine City Mission Boards and three District Boards during the year 1915. At Columbus, Ga., a new City Board has been organized. At Murfreesboro, Tenn., a new Wesley House has been built, with Miss Laura Summers as Head Resident. There are more than 1,700 members on these forty-two Boards. At no time in our history has the work been more vital to the communities they served. The Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Houses, and other institutions are constantly used for community entertainment, community group studies, for discussions, and a center for local committee gatherings.

This settlement work in the South may be truly called the melting pot, as the Wesley Houses for Cubans and Mexicans, St. Mark's Hall for Italians, the Wesley House at Fort Worth, reaching twelve nationalities, and St. Joseph, Mo., serving fifteen nationalities, and the Bethlehem Houses, all come together under the influence of the trained workers sent out by the Committee on Deaconesses and City Missions.

Eighty deaconesses and thirty-five missionaries have represented you during this year. Sixteen of the deaconesses served as Church deaconesses. The record of 1915 is tabulated as follows:

Wesley Houses and other settlements.....	36
Coöperative Homes for young women.....	7
Young women in these homes in 1915.....	761
Mining centers served by deaconesses and missionaries.....	5
Trained workers engaged by City and District Boards.....	85
Day nurseries	8
Children in same.....	1,283
Increase	668
Kindergartens	24
Children enrolled	1,202
Increase	130
Industrial classes	60
Number enrolled	3,685
Decrease	251
Night schools	18
Number enrolled	851
Decrease	133
Boys' clubs	35
Number enrolled	1,769

Increase	414
Girls' clubs	23
Number enrolled	1,036
Increase	280
Young women's clubs	14
Number enrolled	375
Increase	21
Mothers' clubs	27
Number enrolled	1,129
Decrease	30
Story hours	38
Number attending	1,671
Increase	1,051
Playgrounds	15
Number attending	999
Increase	72
Free baths	10
Number using same	5,707
Increase	1,421
Social entertainments	140
Patients treated at clinics	20,414
Increase	3,449
Sabbath schools	31
Number enrolled	6,376
Meetings addressed by deaconesses and city missionaries....	1,437
Visits made	70,679
Visits received	60,231
Increase	18,580
Total cost of this work to local Boards.....	\$76,584 95

There have been seven deaconess candidates in training this year, the smallest number since the creation of the work and office of deaconess. This we believe to be due, in some sense, to the educational requirements which became a law last year.

On December 7, 1915, Miss Sarah Lowder and Miss Josephine Dreyer were consecrated to the work and office of deaconess by Bishop Hendrix at Centenary Church, St. Louis.

In December Mrs. Lily Meekin, for twenty years a missionary under the appointment of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, died from a serious accident. Mrs. Meekin was known as "The Angel of Tchoupitoulas Street," and her going brought sorrow to the poor people to whom she had ministered so many, many years.

REPORT No. 2.

We, your Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work, having carefully examined the work of the deaconesses for the past year, recommend the renewal of the certificates of the following deaconesses:

Emma Abbott, Mattie Anderson, Lillie Black, Florence Blackwell, Cora Borchers, Ella Bowden, Rosa Breeden, Lola Brown, Emma Burton, Ellen Cloud, Hazel Cooper, Elizabeth Cox, Mattie Cunningham, Mary Daniel, Elizabeth Davis, Florida Dewar, Rhoda Dragoo, Josephine Dreyer, Jennie Ducker, Daisy Duncan, May Ora Durham, Maria Elliott, Berta Ellison, Connie Fagan, Maude Fail, Mary Fausnaugh, Edith Fuess, Ellen Gainey, Helen Gardner, Grace Gatewood, Helen Gibson, Cornelia Godbey, Aletha Graham, Gertrude Grizzard, Mary Hanscom, Laura Harris, Willena Henry, Grace Hemingway, Mary Hasler, Dora Hoover, Nanette Hudson, Eliza Iles, Ethel Jackson, Mabel Kennedy, Mary Kimbrough, Edith Leighty, Sarah Lowder, Joanna Lueth, Frances Mann, Maybelle Marshall, Ethel McCaughan, Frank Miller, Selina Monohan, Mary Moore, Rena Murphy, Annie Mutch, Constance Palmore, Lillian Parker, Adeline Peoples, Laura Proctor, Margaret Ragland, Myrtle Rhudy, Falla Richardson, Sophia Richardson, Daisy Ritter, Grace Rowland, Frances Scott, Alice Sheider, Mae Shelton, Eugenia Smith, Ida Stevens, Elizabeth Taylor, Berta Thomas, Lois Tinsley, Annie Trawick, Eva Waddell, Wilhelmina Wahlroos, Kate Walker, Mabel Wheeler, Florence Whiteside, Jennie Williams, Mollie Womack, Mary Wood, Mattie Wright, Nelle Wynn.

We recommend the following city missionaries for reappointment: Mrs. Julia Bodley Acton, Mrs. M. B. Alexander, Miss Bessie Allen, Mrs. Carrie Bond, Miss Lula Cason, Miss Dorothy Crim, Miss Lula Crim, Miss Ethel Cunningham, Miss Sade Davis, Miss Mary DeBardeleben, Miss Josephine Guffin, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Grace Jackson, Miss Lulu Marsh, Miss Mary Meriwether, Miss Susie Mitchell, Miss Martha Nutt, Miss Annie Rector, Miss Laura Summers, Miss Mattie Trousdale, Miss Claudia Wannamaker, Miss Kathron Wilson.

We recommend the following foreign missionaries desiring temporary appointment in the home field as city missionaries: Miss Lillie Fox, Miss Ellen Alfter, Miss Cora Godat.

We recommend the following for appointment as kindergarten missionary teachers: Miss Mae Coburn, Miss Frances Denton, Miss Janita Hettenhausen, Miss Mittie Hamby, Miss Celia Parsons, Miss Annie Shelton, Miss Willie Terrill, Miss Willie Willoughby.

We recommend the following new candidates for consecration to the work and office of deaconess and for appointment under the Woman's Missionary Council: Mrs. Selden Bryan, Kingstree, S. C., South Carolina Conference; Miss Jennie Harvey, Wallula, Kans., Southwest Missouri Conference; Miss Della Pearson, Richland, Ga., South Georgia Conference; Miss Mary Schleyer, Columbus, Ohio, Southwest Missouri Conference; Miss Mattie Wike, St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Conference; Miss Ada Wilkison, Dallas, Tex., North Texas Conference.

We recommend the following new candidates for acceptance and appointment as city missionaries under the Woman's Missionary Council:

Miss Bertie Breeden, Roanoke, Va., Baltimore Conference; Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, Jonesboro, Ark., North Arkansas Conference; Miss Ida May Fishburne, Waltersboro, S. C., South Carolina Conference; Miss Mary Lee, Clarksville, Tenn., Tennessee Conference; Miss Emma Olmstead, Louisville, Ky., Louisville Conference.

REPORT No. 3.

Regarding Coöperation with Corporations.

1. Whereas in the beginning of Wesley House work it was deemed desirable to enter into financial coöperation with corporations in order to uplift industrial communities; and whereas in the course of the development of these coöperative institutions circumstances have arisen in several places where, on account of such relationship, there has been an embarrassment in seeking the enforcement of Federal, State, and municipal laws for the benefit of employees and their communities; and whereas the Woman's Missionary Council has not heretofore set forth its rulings as to the approved terms of such coöperative plans; and whereas more definite information is needed before such plans can be intelligently set forth; therefore be it

Resolved: (1) That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to thoroughly investigate existing relationships of City Boards and corporations and to report such findings to the deaconess committee at the next session as a basis for action covering such federations.

(2) That during the ensuing year, until such action shall have been taken, no new federation of this character shall be formed by City Boards of Missions.

Regarding Probation of Deaconesses.

2. In view of the fact that actual experience in organized work under the Woman's Missionary Council is essential to the full testing of deaconess candidates as to their strength and fitness for the office and work of deaconess; therefore be it

Resolved: (1) That an accepted candidate shall serve a period of probation of not less than two years prior to consecration to the work and office of deaconess.

(2) That for the further testing of her fitness a probationer shall be appointed to a place where there are leaders of experience.

Regarding Reading Courses for Deaconesses.

3. We recommend the following reading course for deaconesses for the year 1916-17: "The Meaning of Prayer," by Fosdick; "The Normal Life," by Devine; "The House on Henry Street," by Wald; "The Church Vacation School," by Chappell; *The Record of Christian Work* and *The Survey*.

Regarding Church Membership of Wesley House Workers.

4. We recommend that Item 1, under Subhead 5, on page 409 of the Annual Report, in "Rules Governing Wesley Houses and Institutional Church Work," be stricken out, that Item 2 become Item 1, and that Item 3 become Item 2.

Regarding City Mission Boards.

5. We recommend that Item 3, Section 7, of "By-Laws Governing City Mission Work," shall be amended by the insertion of the following, "Her books shall be audited annually," so that the whole item shall read: "The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended and shall make a monthly, quarterly, and annual report of the same to the City Mission Board and shall make a quarterly and an annual report to the Treasurer of the Conference. She shall pay money only on the order of the President of the City Mission Board. Her books shall be audited annually."

Regarding the Managers of Mary Elizabeth Inn.

6. We confirm the election of the following managers for Mary Elizabeth Inn: Mrs. L. H. Glide, to serve five years; Mrs. M. G. Emsley and Mrs. O. C. Zeigler, to serve three years; Mrs. P. L. Likens and Mrs. B. H. Shuck, to serve two years.

REPORT No. 4.

1. Regarding the Appointment of Workers to Outside Agencies.

Whereas it is increasingly difficult to find suitable workers to meet the demands of our own work and the calls of the Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we discontinue the appointment of workers to other organizations unless, after careful consideration, the demands of the case seem to justify exception to this rule.

2. Regarding the Los Angeles Work.

Whereas we believe that a larger and more efficient work can be done at Los Angeles through Trinity Church as a center than is possible under the present plan; and whereas the present clinic as conducted by the college of physicians and surgeons is not compatible with the kind of Christian service we desire to render the Mexican people—therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the Homer Toberman Settlement be hereafter conducted as a mission of Trinity Church and that a committee be named by this Council to work with a corresponding committee named by the Church in the direction of this work.

2. That our workers, one of whom shall always be a nurse who shall

work among the sick poor, be appointed to Trinity Church and work from that church as a center.

3. That the clinic to the Homer Toberman Settlement be divorced from the college of physicians and surgeons.

Your committee recommends nonconcurrency with the following memorials:

1. Los Angeles City Board, concerning administration.
2. East Columbia Conference Society, concerning opening work among Indians.
3. St. Louis Conference, concerning City Board membership in the Council.
4. Birmingham City Board, concerning increased appropriations.

Miss M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

Miss M. H. HOWELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 5.

Appointments.

Albany, Ga., City Mission Work: Miss Elizabeth Hughes.

Asheville, N. C., Central Church: Deaconess Rena Murphy.

Atlanta, Ga., Wesley House: Deaconess Rosa Breeden, Deaconess Mary Schleyer, Miss Mittie Hamby, Miss Grace Jackson.

Atlanta, Ga., Fulton Bag and Cotton Company (Clinic): Deaconess Mabel Wheeler (nurse).

Augusta, Ga., Bethlehem House: Supervisor to be supplied, Miss Claudia Wannamaker.

Augusta, Ga., Paine College: Miss Mary DeBardeleben, Miss Lula Crim.

Baltimore, Md.: City Mission Board: Deaconess Wilhelmina Wahlroos.

Biloxi, Miss., Wesley House: Deaconess Mary Hasler, Deaconess Mattie Anderson.

Birmingham, Ala., Avondale Wesley House: Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Miss Celia Parsons, Miss Ethel Cunningham.

Birmingham, Ala., Ensley Wesley House: Miss Dorothy Crim, Deaconess Alice Sheider.

Birmingham, Ala., First Church: Deaconess Margaret Ragland.

Bristol, Va., State Street Church: Deaconess Jennie Ducker.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Centenary Church: Deaconess Elizabeth Taylor.

Coal Fields:

Bluefield Coal Mines, Welch, W. Va.: Deaconess Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess Daisy Duncan (nurse).

McAlester District, Hartshorne, Okla.: Deaconess Laura Harris, Deaconess Elizabeth Davis.

Thurber, Tex., Coal Mines: Deaconess Lola Brown, Miss Frances Denton.

Corinth, Miss., Coöperative Home: Deaconess Adeline Peeples.

Dallas, Tex., Trinity Church: Deaconess Ada Wilkison.

Dallas, Tex., Virginia Johnson Home: Deaconess Selina Monohan.

Dallas, Tex., Wesley Chapel: Deaconess Rhoda Drago.

- Dallas, Tex., Wesley House: Deaconess Mary Kimbro, Mrs. Carrie Bond.
- Danville, Va., Wesley House: Miss Annie Rector.
- Darlington, S. C., City Mission Board: Miss Susie Mitchell.
- Fort Worth, Tex., Wesley House: Deaconess Eugenia Smith.
- Greenwood, S. C., Cotton Mill Work: Deaconess Nanette Hudson.
- Hillsboro, N. C., Cotton Mill Work: Deaconess Berta Ellison.
- Houston, Tex., Y. W. Coöperative Home: Deaconess Ellen Gainey, Deaconess Falla Richardson, Deaconess Grace Rowland.
- Houma, La., French Work: Deaconess Kate Walker.
- Jonesboro, Ark., First Methodist Church: Deaconess Ida Stevens.
- Kansas City, Mo., Garland Avenue Church: Deaconess Joanna Lueth.
- Kansas City, Mo., Institutional Church: Deaconess Myrtle Rhudy, Deaconess Frances Scott, Deaconess Mary Moore, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson.
- Kansas City, Mo., Spofford Receiving Home; Deaconess Edith Fuess, Deaconess Daisy Ritter.
- Knoxville, Tenn., Wesley House: Deaconess Eva Waddell, Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard.
- Lead Belt, Mo., City Mission Board: Deaconess Laura Proctor, Deaconess Mattie Wike.
- Lexington, Ky., Wesley House: Deaconess Maria Elliott.
- Los Angeles, Cal., Trinity Church: Deaconess Emma Burton, Deaconess Ellen Cloud (nurse), Miss Allen Alfter.
- Louisville, Ky., Wesley House: Deaconess May Ora Durham, Deaconess Berta Thomas, Deaconess Lillian Parker, Miss Mary Lee.
- Macon, Ga., South Georgia Conference Orphans' Home: Deaconess Constance Palmore, Miss Willie Terrell.
- Macon, Ga., Wesley House No. 1: Deaconess Cora Borchers, Miss Mattie Trousdale.
- Macon, Ga., Wesley House No. 2: Deaconess Della Pearson.
- Macon, Ga., Wesley House No. 3: Deaconess Dora Hoover.
- Memphis, Tenn., First Church: Deaconess Cornelia Godbey.
- Memphis, Tenn., Wesley House: Deaconess Mary Fausnaugh, Deaconess Annie Mutch.
- Meridian, Miss., Wesley House: Deaconess Connie Fagan.
- Mobile, Ala., Wesley House: Deaconess Maude Fail, Miss Cora Godat.
- Montgomery, Ala., Wesley House: Deaconess Maybelle Marshall.
- Murfreesboro, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Laura Summers.
- Nashville, Tenn., Bethlehem House: Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Emma K. Olmstead.
- Nashville, Tenn., Warioto Settlement: Deaconess Hazel Cooper, Miss Willie Willoughby.
- Nashville, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Bessie Allen, Deaconess Emma Abbott.
- New Orleans, La., St. Mark's Hall: Deaconess Helen Gibson, Deaconess Eliza Iles, Miss Lula Cason.
- Orangeburg, S. C., Wesley House: Miss Sade Davis.
- Portsmouth, Va., City Mission Board: Miss Bertie Breeden.

- Raleigh, N. C., Edenton Street Church: Deaconess Florence Whiteside.
 Richmond, Va., Methodist Institute: Deaconess Helen Gardner, Deaconess Selden Bryan.
 San Antonio, Tex., City Mission Board: Miss Martha Nutt, Deaconess Ethel McCaughan.
 San Francisco, Cal., Mary Elizabeth Inn: Deaconess Ethel Jackson, Deaconess Mary Daniel.
 San Francisco, Cal., Wesley House: Deaconess Mattie Wright.
 Savannah, Ga., Coöperative Home: Deaconess Sophia Richardson.
 Savannah, Ga., Trinity Church: Miss Ida May Fishburne.
 St. Joseph, Mo., Wesley House: Deaconess Lillie Black, Deaconess Mary Wood, Miss Mae Coburn.
 St. Louis, Mo., Centenary Church: Deaconess Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess Josephine Dreyer.
 St. Louis, Mo., Kingdom House: Deaconess Mae Shelton, Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Deaconess Jennie Harvey.
 Shreveport, La., First Church: Deaconess Grace Gatewood.
 Spartanburg, S. C., Wesley House: Deaconess Edith Leighty, Deaconess Grace Heminway, Miss Anne Shelton.
 Tampa, Fla., West Tampa Wesley House: Miss Lillie Fox, Miss Lula Marsh (nurse).
 Tampa, Fla., Ybor City, Cuban and Italian Work: Deaconess Florida Dewar, Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, Miss Janita Hettenhausen.
 Waco, Tex., Rebecca Sparks Home: Deaconess Mollie Womack.
 Warren, Ark., Lumber Camps: Deaconess Frances Mann.
 Winston-Salem, N. C., Wesley House: Deaconess Frank Miller.

The following deaconesses will be retired permanently from the work and office of deaconess:

For personal reasons: Deaconess Daisy Meyer.

For family reasons: Deaconess Almeda Hewitt, Deaconess Susie Bell Jeter.

The following city missionaries will be retired permanently from the work of city missionary:

For personal reasons: Miss Emma Myers, Miss Ruth Reed.

For family reasons: Miss Marie Parham.

The following kindergarten missionary teachers will be retired permanently from work under the Council:

For personal reasons: Miss Eva Dorton, Miss Julia Crutchfield.

For family reasons: Miss Ella Kerr Butcher, Miss Jane Owens.

The following will not receive appointment this year:

Because of sickness: Miss Mary Meriwether, Deaconess Mary Hanscom, Deaconess Lois Tinsley, Deaconess Jennie Williams, Deaconess Ella Bowden, Deaconess Willena Henry, Miss Josephine Guffin.

For family reasons: Deaconess Annie Trawick, Miss Sue Herrick, Deaconess Lucy Epps, Deaconess Elizabeth Cox, Deaconess Nell Wynne.

For personal reasons: Deaconess Aletha Graham, Miss Janette Has-kin, Miss Alla Koch.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN WORK AND CANDIDATES.

REPORT No. 1.

The following young women have been before the committee and are recommended for acceptance and appointment to the foreign field: Miss Mary A. Blackford, St. Louis Conference, St. Louis, Mo., appointed to China; Miss Lela M. Putnam, West Texas Conference, Lockhart, Tex., appointed to Brazil; Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, West Texas Conference, Bay City, Tex., appointed to Africa; Miss Etha Mills, Virginia Conference, Apple Grove, Va., appointed to Africa; Miss Nancy R. Holt, Virginia Conference, Norfolk, Va., appointed to Brazil; Miss Kathron Wilson, North Texas Conference, Dallas, Tex., appointed to Africa.

REPORT No. 2.

The committee considered the suggestion of the Executive Committee and recommends that no application for appointment as a full missionary from a worker already in the field shall be accepted until she has served satisfactorily in that field for at least two years and can present the recommendation from our Mission.

Medical Work.

After careful consideration of the statement of the Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work concerning medical work in China, the committee recommends:

1. That the changes necessary to raise the standard of the medical school in Soochow to meet the requirements of the China Medical Association be made as soon as possible.
 2. That the President and Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work of the Woman's Missionary Council, as they investigate conditions, be authorized to inaugurate policies looking toward the development of the medical school.
 3. That the women throughout the Conferences continue in earnest prayer that special gifts be made for this medical school.
 4. That the workers now on the field be given the privilege of employing the English physician, Dr. Phillips, whom they recommend as suitable for the work.
- MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*;
MISS MABEL HEAD, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—HOME SECTION.

REPORT No. 1.

Educational Institutions.

1. Whereas the Council has no definite rules or regulations governing the faculties of educational institutions on the home field, your committee recommends the following:

(1) General: The Principal shall have general supervision of the school, the moral and mental welfare of the students, and the study courses. He or she shall be responsible for the receipts and disbursements of all moneys, the upkeep of the buildings, furniture, and campus.

(2) Financial: The Principal shall keep a strict account of all moneys received, from whatever source, and of all expenditures. He or she shall not issue drafts on the Council, nor shall he incur debts for which the Council shall be responsible. He or she shall not purchase property or make repairs, except at the order of the Council, save in the case of minor repairs provided for by the incidental fund.

(3) Faculty: (a) No teacher shall be employed whose credentials have not been approved by the Committee on Educational Institutions, nor shall any be dismissed except with the concurrence of this same committee.

(b) While the Principal is responsible to the Woman's Missionary Council by virtue of his or her election, the faculty likewise bears a vital relation to the Council.

(c) Regular faculty meetings shall be held once a month, or at shorter intervals if necessary, for the consideration of the mental or moral development of the students and to create a sense of responsibility among the teachers for the general interest of the school.

(4) Students: (a) An effort shall be made to conduct the school as a self-governing body.

(b) No students shall be dismissed or suspended, and corporal punishment shall not be resorted to, except by vote of the faculty.

(5) Reports: The Principal shall make monthly reports to the general office concerning the condition of the student body, the conduct of the faculty, the receipts and expenditures of all funds, and the repairs of properties.

2. *Wolff Mission*.—Whereas the public school system at Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., has so developed that there is now no real need for our Wolff Mission School, your committee recommends that its work be changed from a graded school to that of a settlement.

3. *Vashti Industrial School*.—In order to train our girls to be responsible by giving them a practical knowledge of home-keeping before leaving the institution, your committee recommends that we introduce the model home into the Vashti School.

REPORT No. 2.

1. *Bible Teacher*.—In view of the importance of Bible study in the work of all of our schools, your committee recommends that there shall be a trained Bible teacher appointed by the Council to every home mission school.

2. *Principals of Institutions and Superintendents of Work*.—We recommend the appointment of the following principals of educational institutions and superintendents of home mission work: Principal Ruth

Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla., Prof. A. W. Mohn; Principal Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex., Dr. J. M. Skinner; Superintendents Pacific Coast Work, Rev. and Mrs. William Acton; Principal Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., Prof. J. C. Lewis; transferred from foreign work to Sue Bennett School, Miss Mae Owings; Principal Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., Prof. C. H. Trowbridge; Principal Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga., Prof. E. E. Bishop; Principal Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex., Mrs. M. L. Stone; Florine McEachern Chair of Sociology, Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., Miss Mabel K. Howell; superintendent of Gulfport and Biloxi work, Rev. W. T. Griffin; port missionary, Galveston, Tex., Rev. J. E. Reifschneider; council evangelist, Miss Tina Tucker.

3. *General.*—Whereas all home mission endeavor, if fruitful, must lift the community to a position of self-respect and self-dependence; and whereas with this development the time must come when mission schools and other enterprises should either withdraw or change their form of service—therefore

We recommend that the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions make a careful survey of each institution and the fields occupied at home in order that we may not paralyze local endeavor, but make such plans as will conserve the best interests of each community.

4. *Virginia K. Johnson Home and School.*—Your committee recommends the following rules governing the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, at Dallas, Tex., contract for members of faculty, contracts for entrance of inmates and of parent or guardian of same:

Rules Governing the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School.

The Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex., is an institution of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the care and reclamation of young girls who, having forgotten the sacredness of their own bodies, have come to motherhood outside the bonds of holy wedlock. It is not a lying-in hospital for care during confinement nor a place to hide sin and shame. Time is required to build up a ruined life, and to this end the following rules are given:

Admittance.—1. Every girl admitted shall sign a contract to remain two years.

2. No married woman or second offender shall be admitted.

3. A deposit of \$50 must be made when admitted to cover board and tuition for two years. This deposit does not cover clothing or other personal expenses.

4. Girls over twenty-five years of age, epileptics, and imbeciles will not be admitted.

5. The week day uniform shall be blue gingham; Sunday, white linene.

Children.—No provision will be made for the adoption of babes born in the Home. The children will be kept in the Home as long

as the mother remains, unless there be just and proper reasons to the contrary.

School Program.—1. All work of the Home shall be done by the girls as a part of their training.

2. The classroom work shall include only grammar grades.

3. The Bible shall be taught as a textbook and also devotionally.

4. If the girl takes special studies, such as music, art, etc., the parents or guardians must provide money for this training.

Visitors.—Girls shall receive no visitors. Visits from members of the family will be allowed only in extreme illness.

General.—1. All mail shall be examined by the Principal.

2. All money and stamps must be deposited in the office.

3. All incoming and outgoing baggage will be inspected.

4. In order to encourage industry and create interest, each girl shall be paid a certain per cent on her marketable work.

Records.—1. Full records, covering history of family, cause of deflection, and all known facts of seducers shall be kept on file for reference.

2. Hospital records shall be kept on file in the hospital.

3. The full history of each baby shall be kept on file.

Diversions.—1. Suitable diversions shall be provided for the girls. Each member of the faculty shall be assigned some part in the effort to put play into the lives of the girls.

2. Members of the faculty shall be given a day of rest each week.

Contracts for Members of Faculty.

1. Every member of the faculty is expected to share in the responsibility for the general welfare of the girls in the Home.

2. The Woman's Missionary Council makes an appropriation for the work based upon the combined estimates of cost of each department. Every teacher is responsible for excess of expenditure in her department over the budget fixed in the appropriation.

3. Faculty meetings shall be held every week. Each teacher is expected to serve on committees for special lines of work. Teachers and committees shall make reports and render itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements.

Do you agree to conform to these regulations?

[Signed]

Date.....

Contract for Entrance.

1. Do you agree to remain two years?

2. Will you try to be obedient, industrious, and studious?

3. Will you endeavor to do such work as may be assigned to you?
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4. Will you try to be loyal and respectful to the teachers and considerate of the other girls?

[Signed]

Witness.....

Notary Public.

Date.....

Contract for Parent or Guardian.

1. Do you agree to place your (daughter, sister, niece, ward) in this school for two years?

2. Will you conform to the rules of the school and not interfere with her training?

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Witness.....

Date.....

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;
 MISS EMMA V. PEPPLER, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—FOREIGN SECTION.

REPORT No. 1.

Rio, Brazil.

The committee rejoice over the fact that it seems possible to purchase property for the girls' school within the next few weeks and recall the fact that this is the piece of property which was especially recommended by Miss Bennett and Miss Gibson after a careful search for a suitable location. We fully realize, however, that there must be special gifts and continued interest on the part of the women throughout the Church in order to complete the payment for the purchase of this property, there being in hand at present only two-thirds of the purchase price. Furthermore, the building will need remodeling and furnishing. Therefore your committee recommend:

1. That leaders throughout the Conferences try to secure special gifts for the Rio School.

2. That even after the purchase of property the school shall not be opened until a suitable faculty can be secured. To this end we should unite in definite prayer for the most capable educational workers for that important institution.

The committee recommends nonconcurrency to the memorial from the Brazil Mission concerning the reopening of the Collegio Mineiro, at Juiz de Fora.

Cuba.

The action of the Quadrennial Board of Education of the Cuban Mission was read and considered item by item. Concerning the request

for the establishment of the full Segunda Ensenanza in connection with the school at Matanzas, the committee recommended delay for one year. Considering the request to sell the property in Cienfuegos and purchase property near Candler College, in Puentos Grandes, Havana, and the property near Pinson College, Camaguey, the committee recommend:

1. That the property in Cienfuegos, which is not suitable for the school, be sold as soon as possible.

2. That the Quinta Tosca property in Matanzas be sold as soon as a fair price can be obtained.

3. While the Council has no money for further investment in Cuba until these properties are sold, it shall be our policy to establish a girls' school near Candler College, in Havana, where there may be some correlation with the faculty of that school, and that we take under consideration the recommendation to establish a girls' school in connection with Pinson College, Camaguey.

4. That further consideration is necessary before determining the kind of work that should be done in Cienfuegos after the sale of the present school property.

Japan.

The committee considered the report of the Promoting Committee of the Woman's Christian Union College of Japan and also the request of an interdenominational committee that the Woman's Missionary Council should enter into the establishment and maintenance of a woman's Christian college in Tokio, Japan. The initial outlay for this college is to be from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and is to be contributed by the different coöperating Boards. The estimated cost of maintenance for this college is to be from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the first two years. Since we have no money to appropriate to this enterprise this year, the committee recommends that we express to the Board of Control in the United States our interest in the establishment of such a college and assure them that we will consider the subject during the year, with the hope of definite action during the next Council meeting.

Korea.

In view of the fact that no school is now being maintained in the former Carolina Institute property in the city of Seoul and the fact that the South Georgia Conference has never taken action requiring the new school building on the Hill property to be named for that Conference, even though it did give some money for the institution, the committee recommends that the girls' school in Seoul continue to be known as the Carolina Institute.

China.

The request from the China Mission for the establishment of a normal department in connection with the Davidson School, in West Soochow, was considered. The committee recommend:

1. That it shall be our policy to establish in connection with some one of our schools in China a well-established normal course.

2. That we ask that the selection of this school be delayed one year in order to give time for more complete study and investigation.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

The committee considered the recommendation from the President's message regarding the establishment and conduct of a boys' school in the foreign field and recommend:

1. That it shall be our policy in so far as finances will permit to establish and maintain such schools in places where the education of boys is not being adequately carried on by any Protestant body.

2. That for the conduct of these schools or any other educational work we shall employ men whenever and wherever it shall seem best to do so.

MRS E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*;

MISS MABEL HEAD, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HOME FIELD, 1916.

BASIS OF APPROPRIATION.

Dues	\$76,801 70
Pledges	78,023 98
Life members	303 10—\$155,128 78

FLORIDA COAST WORK.

Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

Salaries	\$10,500 00
Repairs	1,500 00
Janitors	630 00
Supplies and incidentals	1,250 00
Sub-Cuban School	600 00
Outstanding obligations	1,428 35
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Total	\$15,908 35
Less fees	3,720 00—\$ 12,188 35

Wolff Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 1,500 00
Household	270 00
Repairs	50 00
Summer expenses	150 00
Domestic Science Department	50 00— 2,020 00

Wesley House, West Tampa, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 1,695 00
Incidentals	60 00
Household	240 00— 1,995 00

Total for Florida Coast work..... \$ 16,203 35

PACIFIC COAST WORK.

San Francisco, Cal.

Rent and care of Korean Mission.....	\$ 690 00	
Salary and travel of Korean pastor.....	600 00	
Salary and travel of Korean evangelist.....	600 00	
Salary and board of Council deaconess.....	600 00	
Allowance for Dendo Dan.....	200 00	
Rent of headquarters	120 00—	\$ 2,810 00

Japanese Mission, Oakland, Cal.

Rent and care	\$ 450 00	
Salary of pastor	600 00	
Kindergarten	360 00—	1,410 00

Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal. (Japanese Mission).

Salary of pastor	\$ 600 00	
Night school	360 00	
English teacher	360 00	
Kindergartner	360 00	
Care of Mary Henn Hall.....	360 00	
Salary and travel of the Superintendents.....	1,500 00	
Taxes, insurance, and incidentals.....	400 00	
Salary and travel of Japanese evangelist.....	600 00	
Painting, repairs, and paving school yard.....	500 00	
Rent of Walnut Grove	300 00—	5,340 00

Total for Pacific Coast work..... \$ 9,560 00

GULF COAST WORK.

Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

Salaries	\$ 1,560 00	
Rents	120 00	
Household and incidentals	520 00—	\$ 2,200 00

Sailors' Rest, Gulfport, Miss.

Rents	\$ 180 00	
Salaries	1,400 00	
Janitors	180 00	

\$ 1,760 00

Less appropriation from Mississippi Conference. 800 00— 960 00

St. Mark's Hall and Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans, La.

Salaries	\$ 2,400 00	
Rents	600 00	
Mary Werlein Mission	360 00	
Conference appropriation	600 00—	3,960 00

French Work, Houma, La.

Salaries	\$ 600 00—	\$ 600 00
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Immigrant Work, Galveston, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 1,200 00	
Rents	420 00	
Typewriter and office furniture.....	100 00—	1,720 00
Total for Gulf Coast work.....		\$ 9,440 00

MEXICAN WORK.

Holdings Institute, Laredo, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 9,460 00	
Rent	300 00	
Repairs	900 00	
Incidentals	900 00	
Janitors	825 00	
Furniture	500 00	
Lights on campus	100 00	
Painting buildings	900 00	
	\$13,885 00	
Less fees	1,200 00—	\$ 12,685 00

Homer Toberman Settlement, Los Angeles, Cal.

Salaries	\$ 2,220 00	
Taxes	273 50	
Repairs and incidentals	132 00—	2,625 50
Total for Mexican work		\$ 15,310 50

DEPENDENT GIRLS.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 5,760 00	
Scholarships	1,040 00	
Repairs	1,000 00	
Insurance	150 00	
Incidentals	250 00	
Janitors	600 00—	\$ 8,800 00

DELINQUENT GIRLS.

Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 2,880 00	
Scholarships	4,400 00	
Janitor	600 00	

Repairs	\$ 752 00	
Incidentals	120 00	
Physician	600 00	
Financial Agent	300 00—	\$ 9,652 00

Macon Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.

Current expenses	\$ 1,700 00—	1,700 00
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Total for delinquent girls.....		\$ 11,352 00

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

Salaries	\$10,000 00	
Insurance	300 00	
Repairs	400 00	
Janitors	1,000 00	
Incidentals	1,500 00	
Contingent	1,000 00	
Summer canvass	250 00	
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	\$14,450 00	
Less fees	5,000 00—	\$ 9,450 00

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

Salaries	\$ 8,150 00	
Painting and repairing	300 00	
Summer expenses and incidentals.....	700 00	
Advertising and catalogues	500 00	
Notes on property and improvement.....	2,032 00	
Heat, light, etc.	800 00	
Chairs for chapel	600 00	
Fire hose	200 00	
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	\$13,282 00	
Less fees	3,500 00—	9,782 00
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Total for mountain work		\$ 19,232 00

NEGRO WORK.

Paine Annex, Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 2,000 00	
Heat, light, incidentals	1,200 00	
Repairs	300 00—	\$ 3,500 00

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 1,879 00	
Rent	270 00	
Janitor	48 00	
Household	240 00	
Incidentals	271 92—	\$ 2,708 92

Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.

Salaries	\$ 2,000 00	
Rent	480 00	
Janitor	80 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Household	160 00—	2,820 00

Total for negro work \$ 9,028 92

WORK AMONG MINERS.

McAlester District, Hartshorne, Okla.

Salaries	\$ 900 00	
Rent	150 00	
Incidentals	250 00—	\$ 1,300 00

Thurber, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 720 00	
Household	700 00	
Piano	80 00—	1,500 00

Bluefield Mines, Welch, W. Va.

Salaries and board	\$ 1,200 00	
Mileage	156 00	
Incidentals	96 00—	1,452 00

Flat River, Mo.

Salaries	\$ 900 00—	900 00
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Total for work among miners \$ 5,152 00

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Florine McEachern Chair of Sociology	\$ 1,000 00
Current expenses	5,500 00
Total	\$ 6,500 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Deaconess work	\$ 3,000 00
Contingent	7,756 74
Annuities	500 00

Corinth (Miss.) Coöperative Home	\$ 600 00
Ensley Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.....	600 00
Methodist Dormitory, Denton, Tex.....	1,500 00
Fort Worth (Tex.) Wesley House.....	900 00
Ferrum Training School, Ferrum, Va.....	500 00
San Francisco (Cal.) Wesley House.....	400 00
Total	\$ 15,756 74
Administration expenses*	\$ 16,565 00

CITY MISSIONS.

Asheville, N. C.	\$ 116 07
Atlanta, Ga.	651 05
Augusta, Ga.	361 83
Baltimore, Md.	77 44
Birmingham, Ala.	460 72
Dallas, Tex.	448 72
Danville, Va.	155 76
Fort Worth, Tex.	131 38
Houston, Tex.	219 04
Kansas City, Mo.	850 80
Knoxville, Tenn.	187 60
Lexington, Ky.	121 63
Los Angeles, Cal.	134 65
Louisville, Ky.	209 86
Macon, Ga.	388 95
Memphis, Tenn.	174 63
Meridian, Miss.	112 02
Mobile, Ala.	334 79
Nashville, Tenn.	236 87
New Orleans, La.	176 61
Richmond, Va.	76 23
San Antonio, Tex.	323 27
San Francisco, Cal.	203 53
Spartanburg, S. C.	169 58
St. Joseph, Mo.	286 89
St. Louis, Mo.	667 11
Winston-Salem, N. C.	120 25
Lead Belt, Mo.	75 67
Total	\$ 7,472 95

RECAPITULATION.

Florida Coast work	\$ 16,203 35
Pacific Coast work	9,560 00

*NOTE.—Administration expenses are itemized in joint home and foreign appropriation, page 176.—EDITOR.

Gulf Coast work	\$ 9,440 00
Mexican work	15,310 50
Dependent girls	8,800 00
Delinquent girls	11,352 00
Mountain work	19,232 00
Negro work	9,028 92
Work among miners	5,152 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	6,500 00
Miscellaneous	15,756 44
City missions	7,472 95
Administration	16,565 00
Total	\$150,373 16

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *Chairman*;
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREIGN FIELD, 1916.

BASIS OF APPROPRIATION.

Available for appropriation: Dues	\$115,202 81
Pledge	116,676 54
Life members	454 65
Sundry items	757 32
Day schools	3,009 28—\$236,100 60
Not available for appropriation: Scholarships..\$	10,008 25
Bible women	14,279 27
Retirement fund	2,665 23
Rio	2,122 23
Week of Prayer	13,751 71—\$ 42,826 69

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.

Shanghai District.

Shanghai: Salaries	\$ 6,790 00
Incidentals	200 00
Contingent	200 00
Taxes	25 00
Secretary's expenses	25 00—\$ 7,240 00
Hongkew: Rent	\$ 400 00
Nanziang Day School	100 00
Kindergarten	200 00
Hongkew Day School	150 00— 850 00
Sungkiang: Salaries	\$ 3,750 00
Susan B. Wilson School	500 00
Sungkiang city schools (two)	200 00
Kindergarten	200 00
Outstation work	500 00— 5,150 00

Total for Shanghai District \$ 13,240 00

Soochow District.

Soochow: Salaries	\$ 5,220 00	
Laura Haygood Memorial	700 00	
Domestic science equipment	125 00	
Zak Tuh Day School	150 00	
Ming Tuh Day School	150 00	
Senah Staley Kindergarten	150 00	
Miss Margarita Park's salary	740 00—	\$ 7,235 00
West Soochow: Salaries	\$ 7,340 00	
Davidson Memorial	900 00	
Repairs on Davidson Memorial	300 00	
Kindergarten Training School	600 00	
Kindergartens (two)	300 00	
Repairs on kindergarten building	200 00	
Day schools	750 00	
Woman's evangelistic work	300 00—	10,690 00
Hospital: Salaries	\$ 3,000 00	
Hospital	500 00	
Medical School	200 00	
Nurse-Training School	100 00	
Repairs on home and hospital.....	500 00	
Repairing attic for medical students' rooms..	150 00	
Evangelistic work	150 00—	4,600 00
Kong Hong: Salaries	\$ 2,250 00	
Woman's evangelistic work	300 00	
Day school (M. L. Gibson)	150 00	
Kindergarten	125 00	
Rent	300 00	
Purchase of home for local and district workers	(Conditional)	7,500 00—
District day schools	\$ 450 00	10,625 00
District woman's evangelistic work	600 00	
Incidentals	200 00	
Contingent	200 00	
Repairs for district	200 00	
Secretary's expenses	50 00—	1,700 00
Changchow: Salaries	\$ 1,500 00	
East Gate day schools	300 00	
Rent	150 00	
Woman's evangelistic work	300 00	
Land and home	750 00—	3,000 00
Salaries	\$ 1,500 00	
North Gate Day School	300 00	
Woman's evangelistic work	250 00	
Rent	250 00—	2,300 00

Repairs on Mokanshan house	\$ 125 00	
Preparation of syllabuses	100 00	
Miss Ruth Brittain's salary	750 00	
Nanking Bible School	200 00	
Gingling College, current expenses	650 00—	\$ 1,825 00
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Total for Soochow District		\$ 41,925 00

Huchow District.

Huchow: Salaries	\$ 6,750 00	
City day schools (three)	100 00	
District day schools	400 00	
Rent (Bible women's work)	100 00	
Repairs	200 00	
Itineration	125 00	
Incidentals	60 00	
Taxes	40 00	
Contingent fund	200 00	
Secretary's office expenses and travel.....	25 00—	
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Total for Huchow District		\$ 8,000 00
One new missionary (outfit, salary, travel)....		\$ 1,000 00
Total for Shanghai District		13,240 00
Total for Soochow District		41,925 00
Total for Huchow District		8,000 00
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Total for China		\$ 64,165 00

KOREAN MISSION.

Seoul: Salaries	\$ 4,500 00	
Union Medical Work (running expenses)....	500 00	
Carolina Institute (running expenses and salaries)	1,850 00	
Repairs	125 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Union Primary School	150 00	
Printing	100 00	
Taxes	100 00	
Itinerating	350 00	
Country day schools (four)	300 00	
City day schools (three), running expenses..	600 00	
Rent	150 00	
Union Medical School	50 00—	
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Total for Seoul		\$ 8,875 00

Songdo: Salaries	\$ 6,750 00
Holston Institute salaries	1,200 00
Running expenses	450 00
Taxes	40 00
Repairs	150 00
Joy Hardie Bible School	150 00
Incidentals	100 00
Country day schools (nine)	600 00
Primary school building, North Ward (con- ditional)	3,600 00
Full city primary	500 00
Two city primary day schools	300 00
Itinerating	500 00
Mary Helm School	500 00—
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Total for Songdo	\$ 14,840 00
Wonsan: Salaries	\$ 3,750 00
Lucy Cuninggim Memorial, salaries and run- ning expenses	1,200 00
Repairs	125 00
Alice Cobb Bible School	150 00
Taxes	65 00
City primary schools	375 00
Country day schools (five)	500 00
Itineration	500 00
Incidentals	100 00—
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Total for Wonsan	\$ 6,765 00
Choon Chun: Salaries	\$ 2,250 00
Twelve teachers and running expenses for five country schools	1,000 00
Itineration	500 00
Repairs	50 00
Taxes	40 00
Incidentals	100 00—
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Total for Choon Chun	\$ 3,940 00
Total for Seoul	\$ 8,875 00
Total for Songdo	14,840 00
Total for Wonsan	6,765 00
Total for Choon Chun	3,940 00
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	\$ 34,420 00
Two new missionaries	2,000 00
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Total for Korea	\$ 36,420 00

MEXICO.

Stations: Saltillo, Guadalajara, City of Mexico, Durango, Chihuahua, and San Luis Potosi. Owing to uncertain conditions in Mexico, the committee recommends that \$7,500 be appropriated to cover salaries, and that \$27,500 contingent for Mexico be approved, the details of its use to be left to the Executive Committee to be used as the need arises. Total for Mexico, \$35,000.

JAPAN.

Kobe District.

Salaries	\$	3,000	00	
Lambuth Memorial Bible School: Maintenance.		1,811	00	
Scholarships		1,000	00	
Sunday school extension work		84	00	
Other extension work		30	00	
Medical allowance for students		50	00	
Itineration		30	00	
Ground rent for Bible School		300	00	
Repairs, insurance, and taxes		150	00	
Incidentals		55	00	
Lambuth Memorial Kindergarten		100	00	
District itineration		250	00	
Mikage Kindergarten		96	00	
Eight Bible women, salary, and rent.....		558	00—\$	7,514 00
New Work: One new missionary (Miss New-				
combe)	\$	750	00	
Teachers for two new missionaries (con-				
ditional)		120	00	
Two kindergarten teachers		192	00	
Two kindergartens		150	00—	1,212 00

Hiroshima District.

Seven Bible women	\$	429	00
Itineration		175	00

Matsuyama District.

Miss Ida M. Worth's salary	\$	750	00	
Miss Annie Belle Williams's salary and travel..		750	00—	1,500 00
Seven Bible women, salary and rent	\$	666	00	
Four kindergartens		550	00	
Itineration		300	00	
Sunday schools and village work		100	00	
Repairs, insurance, taxes		50	00	
Incidentals		55	00	
Rent for missionaries in Oita		240	00—	1,961 00

Total for Japan				\$	12,791	00
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BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.

Rio de Janeiro: Miss Layona Glenn's salary...\$	900 00	
Itineration of Secretary	300 00	
Moving missionaries	200 00	
Room rent	360 00—	\$ 1,760 00
City Day School Work: Woman's evangelistic work and car fare	\$ 150 00	
Miss Richmond's salary	900 00—	1,050 00
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Total for Rio de Janeiro		\$ 2,810 00
Piracicaba: Salaries	\$ 3,750 00	
Teacher's salary and board	740 00	
Incidentals	200 00	
Taxes	120 00—	
Total for Piracicaba		\$ 4,810 00
Petropolis: Salaries	\$ 2,990 00—	
Total for Petropolis		2,990 00
Sao Paulo: Miss Amelia Elerding's salary.....\$	750 00	
Evangelistic help	375 00	
Woman's evangelistic work	115 00	
Missionary's room rent	225 00—	
Total for Sao Paulo		1,465 00
Ribeirao Preto: Salaries	\$ 3,000 00	
Teachers' salaries	1,000 00—	
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Total for Ribeirao Preto		4,000 00
Bello Horizonte: Salaries	\$ 3,750 00	
Teacher's salary	500 00	
Housekeeper's salary	300 00	
Taxes and incidentals	200 00—	
Total for Bello Horizonte		4,750 00
Salaries and travel for four new missionaries..		4,000 00
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Total for Brazil Mission Conference.....		\$ 24,825 00

SOUTH BRAZIL MISSION.

Porto Alegre: Salaries	\$ 3,000 00	
Teachers' salaries	1,000 00	
House rent	1,500 00	
Incidentals	700 00	
Insurance	25 00	
Room rent	150 00—	
Total for Porto Alegre		\$ 6,375 00

Four new missionaries for Brazil (outfit, salary, travel)	\$ 4,000 00
Total for Brazil Mission Conference	24,825 00
Total for South Brazil Mission	6,375 00
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Grand total for work in Brazil	\$ 35,200 00

CUBA.

Cienfuegos: Salaries	\$ 2,990 00	
Teachers' salaries	1,000 00	
Native teachers (three)	500 00	
Incidentals and taxes	200 00	
Kindergarten material	225 00—	
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Total for Cienfuegos	\$ 4,715 00	
Matanzas: Salaries	\$ 2,100 00	
Teachers' salaries	1,000 00	
Matron's salary	300 00	
Taxes	120 00	
Incidentals	200 00	
Advertising, etc.	175 00	
Music teacher	500 00	
Telephone	60 00—	
Total for Matanzas		4,455 00
Total for Cienfuegos	\$ 4,715 00	
Total for Matanzas		4,455 00
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Grand total for Cuba	\$ 9,170 00	

AFRICA.

Salary for three missionaries (at \$750)	\$ 2,250 00
Travel for three missionaries (at \$500)	1,500 00
Outfit for three missionaries (at \$250)	750 00
Residence	1,000 00
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	\$ 5,500 00
Contingent	500 00
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Total for Africa (\$2,500 met by special)	\$ 3,500 00
Retirement pension	\$ 1,900 00
Annuity interest	650 00

Travel	\$ 2,500 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School	6,500 00
	\$ 11,550 00
Administration*	\$ 16,565 00

SUMMARY.

China	\$ 64,165 00
Japan	12,791 00
Korea	36,420 00
Africa	3,500 00
Mexico	35,000 00
Brazil	35,200 00
Cuba	9,170 00
Annuity and retirement	2,550 00
Contingent	11,800 00
Cost of administration	16,565 00
Travel	2,500 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School	6,500 00
	\$236,161 00
Basis of appropriation	\$236,100 80

JOINT HOME AND FOREIGN APPROPRIATION.

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.

Literature	\$ 10,000 00
Office expense of President.....	1,000 00
Salary of Treasurer.....	1,500 00
Office expense of Treasurer.....	200 00
Salary of Administrative Secretary (Home).....	1,800 00
Salary of Administrative Secretary (Foreign).....	1,800 00
Office expense of Administrative Secretaries.....	1,600 00
Salary of Educational Secretary.....	1,400 00
Office and traveling expense of Educational Secretary.....	800 00
Salary of Home Base Secretary.....	1,400 00
Office expense of Home Base Secretary.....	600 00
Clerical help	4,080 00
Office expense of First Vice President.....	200 00
Office expense of Second Vice President.....	200 00
Office expense of Superintendent of Social Service.....	200 00
Office expense of Superintendent of Supplies.....	100 00
Office expense of Recording Secretary.....	50 00
Salary and expenses of editor of the <i>Voice</i>	650 00

*NOTE.—Administration expenses are itemized in joint home and foreign appropriation, on this page.—EDITOR.

Salary of editor of the <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	\$ 500 00
Expense of Council, Board, and committee meetings.....	4,000 00
Field worker, salary and travel.....	1,050 00
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	\$ 33,130 00

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Standing Committee on Literature held four meetings during the year. On May 28 it met to outline programs for the Adult, Young People, and Children's *Yearbooks*, and to plan for the output of the authorized literature. This work was completed in a meeting on June 24.

June 25 and July 3 the committee met to make the program for the Week of Prayer and to decide upon the necessary literature.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;
MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

REPORT No. 1.

We, your Committee on Literature, recommend the indorsement of the policy of the Educational Secretary as follows:

1. That the following books be used for study in 1916-17:

For Adult Auxiliaries.—"South American Neighbors," by Bishop H. C. Stuntz; "World Missions and World Peace," by Carolina Atwater Mason; "The South of To-Day," by J. M. Moore; "Old Spain in New America," by Robert McLean.

For Young People.—"Makers of South America," by Daniels; "Comrades in Service," by Burton.

For Juniors.—"Children of the Light House," by White; "Soldiers of the Prince," by Jefferson.

2. We have considered the following memorial from the Administrative Secretaries:

"We, the Administrative Secretaries, memorialize the Council that the Annual Reports of the Woman's Missionary Council include the minutes of the annual session, the various reports of officers, standing and sessions committees, and such other data as is necessary for the conduct of the work.

"That the reports from the field be published in pamphlet form and sold for auxiliary use at a small sum fixed by the Committee on Literature."

We recommend concurrence.

We have also considered the following recommendations from the Second Vice President:

1. That the suggestions to Second Vice Presidents be revised, enlarged, and embodied in manual form.

II. Whereas the custom in most Conferences of waiting until the fourth quarter to pay the pledge and other funds necessitates the payment each year of a large sum for interest and thereby deprives the Council of money needed for the work, we recommend:

1. That the officers of every Conference urge the monthly payment of dues and pledges, and that the Corresponding Secretaries of the auxiliaries be instructed to make this matter a part of the quarterly presentation of stewardship and urge the Treasurers to use all diligence in collecting in full from each member before the quarterly report is made.

2. That each Conference select a day during the last quarter to be known as Harvest Day, by which time all funds for the year shall be paid in full.

3. That we set \$500,000 from the Conferences as our financial goal for the year.

REPORT No. 2.

1. Whereas the number of young women available as workers for our home and foreign fields is totally inadequate to supply the urgent demands and it is therefore imperative that we immediately make a special effort to secure volunteers for service from the ranks of students in our schools and colleges, therefore we concur in the recommendation of our President that a committee be appointed by this Council to select a college woman of spiritual life with special gifts and graces to visit the schools and colleges within our territory. Under the direction of this committee she shall be given a probationary term of service, after which her name shall be presented to the Council for election.

We further recommend that this committee shall consist of five members, of which the President of the Missionary Council shall be Chairman.

2. We recommend that, in response to the call of our President, we form the women, young people, and children of Southern Methodism into one great prayer circle which shall observe the first waking moments daily as a season of prayer for

- (1) Our Church leaders and membership.
- (2) The missionary work and workers at home and abroad.
- (3) The Conference leaders and District Secretaries.
- (4) Auxiliary members.
- (5) The quickening power of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of women, young people, and children who are outside of the Missionary Society.
- (6) For our coming General Conference.
- (7) For our nation and for world peace.

3. That we hereby express the appreciation of the Council for the service rendered by Mrs. S. S. Harris and recommend that she be continued as field worker.

4. That the Council appoint a committee composed of the Home Base Secretary, First and Second Vice Presidents, Educational Secretary, Superintendent of Social Service, Treasurer, and three members from the Council at large to prepare a simplified plan of reporting to be presented for discussion (not legislation) at the next session of the Council. This plan must be in the hands of every Council member thirty days before the meeting.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to the memorial from the North Georgia Conference concerning report books.

Mrs. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*;
Miss JULIA DURHAM, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee on Children's Work recommends:

1. That Standing Rule No. 2, under "Children's Work," page 401, report for 1915, "That the month of March shall be set apart annually for an extensive membership campaign," be rescinded.

2. That Standing Rule No. 4, under "Children's Work," page 401, report for 1915, "That an institute on children's work shall be held at each district and annual meeting," be rescinded.

3. That Item 2, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Children's Work, page 143, report for 1915, "We recommend that the offering of the children on Children's Day of the Week of Prayer go through their own channels," be made a standing rule.

4. That Item 3, Report No. 3 of the Committee on Children's Work, page 143, report for 1915, "That the Certificate of Honor be granted at the close of each fiscal year to all auxiliaries that have attained the Roll of Honor," be made a standing rule.

5. That the Children's Department continue the membership campaign, conforming to plans projected by the Conference, District, and Auxiliary Committees, and that 15,000 new members shall be their part in the goal set by the Council.

6. That in the programs of district and annual meetings sufficient time be given for presentation of the children's work to the Conference workers, the mothers, and the children.

7. That the campaign for increased number of subscribers to the *Young Christian Worker* be pushed vigorously for the coming year, and that Conference Second Vice Presidents urge upon auxiliary Second Vice Presidents their responsibility for the work of the agents of the *Young Christian Worker*, seeing to it that renewals are made on time.

8. That the support of Holding Institute be assigned to the Baby Division for 1917.

9. That the support of our work among miners be assigned to the Junior Division for 1917.

10. That the support of kindergartens in the foreign field be assigned to the Baby Division for 1917.

11. That the support of the Soochow work, except the missionaries' salaries, be assigned to the Junior Division for 1917.

12. That \$30,000 be set as the financial goal.

13. Whereas the Committee on Children's Work is recommending that the Soochow work shall be supported by the children for 1917, we recommend that the memorial from North Carolina asking for the Mary Black Hospital as a special for the Junior Division of North Carolina be granted for 1917.

MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT, *Chairman*;

SALLIE LOU MCKINNON, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee on Young People's Work recommends that the following special rules now in force shall be made standing rules:

Items 2 and 3 of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Young People's Work, page 142, Council report for 1915.

Item 2, "That members of the Council at large, in giving pledges for their Conferences, give those of the young people separately from those of the adult society."

Item 3, "That the offering given the afternoon devoted to the young people's work during the Week of Prayer go through the channel of the young people's society."

Item 1 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Literature, page 121, Council report for 1915, "That a leaflet on 'Christian Stewardship for Young People' be prepared and distributed in time for the stewardship meeting in January."

We further recommend:

1. That the Council grant to the young people the privilege of raising a fund of \$25,000 as their pledged share of the Council work, such funds to be used for the Oriental work on the Pacific Coast and the Japan Mission.

2. That the young people shall be definitely represented in the proposed campaign (1) by a Young People's Rally Day in each district. (2) That the young people take as their membership goal 10,000 of the proposed 50,000 increase called for by the Council.

MRS. J. E. GRUBBS, *Chairman*;

MRS. C. F. ELZE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

REPORT No. 1.

Plans of Work.

1. We recommend that the topic for study and investigation for adults during the year 1917 be "Social Legislation" and that a quarterly study thereon be prepared.

2. We recommend that the topic for study and investigation for young people during the year 1917 be "Social Legislation" and that material bearing upon the subject that would be adapted to young people be prepared quarterly in leaflet form.

3. We recommend that the topic for study for the Juniors during the year 1917 be "The Community Beautiful" and that the subject be developed in the *Young Christian Worker*.

4. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to prepare Bible studies to cover one year, in addition to the three months of study already prepared, for use in the Colored Woman's Community Clubs.

5. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to draft a plan of club work for Mexican women similar to the plan for the Colored Woman's Community Club.

6. Inasmuch as federated action is necessary in order to reach the goals desired in social service work, we recommend that in every State the Conference Superintendents of Social Service federate their efforts, and that in every community where there is more than one Superintendent of Social Service these Superintendents federate.

7. We recommend that all Superintendents of Social Service avail themselves of the free literature published at Washington, D. C., by the Federal Children's Bureau, Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture.

REPORT No. 2.

Social Reform.

Whereas we believe that a nation's welfare is bound up in the proper development of its future citizens; and whereas the curse of child labor continues to destroy the physical, mental, and moral health of young children—therefore be it

Resolved, That the following resolution be adopted, signed, and sent to Senators Robert Owen, Hoke Smith, Thomas W. Hardwick, and Albert Cummings:

"The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, consisting of 107,000 representative women from every Southern State, heartily indorses the content of the Keating-Owen Child Labor Bill, now pending in the Senate, and we respectfully urge our Southern Senators to give it their unqualified support."

Social Program.

We recommend the adoption of the following social program as a basis for action in social service work:

The Woman's Missionary Council stands

1. For the adoption of a uniform law on vital statistics.
2. For the abolition of child labor by the enactment of uniform child labor laws.
3. For active coöperation with all movements for the abolition of il-

literacy, for the enactment and enforcement of compulsory education laws, and for the lengthening of the school term.

4. For the establishment and maintenance of juvenile courts and reformatories.

5. For all efforts to secure adequate constructive censorship of moving-picture films.

6. For the strict enforcement of the law regulating the sale of habit-forming drugs, for the enactment and enforcement of laws prohibiting the liquor traffic and the sale of cigarettes.

7. For the establishment of State institutions, where the feeble-minded may receive custodial care, and for the compulsory commitment thereto.

8. For the movement to abolish legalized and segregated vice in every community, and for city and State legislation that requires the reporting of social diseases to boards of health.

9. For the adoption of modern principles of prison reform, and for the abolition of the convict lease system.

10. For the cultivation of sympathy between all races, and for the solving of all race questions in a spirit of helpfulness and justice.

11. For the closest coöperation with the Southern Sociological Congress and with other agencies for the securing of these results.

We recommend that this social service program be printed in attractive and convenient form for use in Conference, district, and auxiliary meetings.

Mrs. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman*;
Miss MABEL HOWELL, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Your committee considered the memorial from the East Oklahoma Conference, asking that the Woman's Missionary Council allow each Conference the privilege of making its District Secretaries members of the Executive Committee, if such Conferences deem it expedient.

As this change would necessitate a change in Article 3 of the Constitution for Conference Societies, and as constitutional changes must be in the hands of the By-Laws Committee sixty days before the Council meeting, we recommend that this memorial be put into the hands of the Standing Committee on By-Laws for next year's report.

Mrs. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;
Miss MABEL HEAD, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CORRELATION.

Your special committee to whom was referred the request of the Epworth League Board for a committee from the Council to meet with similar committees from the Epworth League and Sunday School Boards to consider plans for the correlation of the work among the children and young people of the Church reports as follows:

Whereas the plan of correlation projected and used by the Epworth

League Board for the use of Junior Leagues and Junior Missionary Societies is not the Council plan of correlation and has proved confusing to the work; and whereas the work of the young people is now firmly established on the present basis—therefore we recommend:

1. That for the remainder of this quadrennium all new organizations among the children be carried on under the Constitution for Children as given by the Council.

2. That for this quadrennium the work among the young people be continued under the present constitution of the Council, which does not provide for correlation.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to confer with similar committees from the Epworth League and Sunday School Boards as requested, and that this committee report back to the Council in its next annual session any plans formed by the joint committee regarding correlation for the coming quadrennium.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Your committee appointed at the midyear meeting submits the following report:

Whereas the loss of the endowed scholarships of the Scarritt Bible and Training School necessitates immediate action to provide for the continuance in training of students; and whereas we are persuaded that a change in the policy of financing the missionary training of our candidates is expedient; and whereas a Student Scholarship Loan Fund will enable young women to meet expense of their training—therefore we recommend:

1. That each-auxiliary be asked to give \$4 annually for the purpose of building up a Students' Scholarship Loan Fund for the school. This loan fund shall be held by the Treasurer of the Council, subject to investment or loans by a committee appointed by the Council.

2. That until the Students' Scholarship Loan Fund be adequate to meet the needs of the students requiring scholarships each Conference Society having accepted candidates shall be asked to raise the amount necessary for their training.

3. That all scholarships raised by Conference Societies shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, to be loaned according to the law of the Council. (This need not apply to the class of 1917.)

4. That the amount of money (\$2,025.40) sent to the Treasurer for the Scarritt Bible and Training School by the auxiliaries during the fourth quarter, 1915, be held in the treasury as the beginning of the Student Scholarship Loan Fund.

The committee further recommends the following regulations concerning loans:

1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Loans to Candidates for Missionary Training composed of five members, who shall be the Treasurer, the two Administrative Secretaries, and two appointed by the Council.

2. No funds shall be loaned to candidates who have not been accepted by the Committee on Candidates.

3. Students securing a loan shall give a legal note for the repayment of the same, with interest at four per cent. These candidates shall be allowed to pay the note in regular installments extending over a period of years determined by the student and the Committee on Loans.

4. Not more than \$50 shall be loaned to any student from the Scholarship Loan Fund for other than scholarship purposes.

[NOTE.—The term "scholarship" is here used to include board, laundry, and books.]

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *Chairman*;

MISS MABEL HEAD, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS TOUCHING THE VOICE AND THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The special committee appointed to consider miscellaneous items submits the following report:

To a recommendation from the Associate Editor of the *Missionary Voice*, that the Woman's Missionary Council instruct the Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work to appoint one person in each mission station whose duty it shall be to provide articles and illustrations for publications on all topics relating to the work of the institution located there, we recommend concurrence.

To the recommendations from three members of the Council—

1. That the practice of printing in the Annual Report the memorials and resolutions to which the Council votes nonconcurrence be discontinued.

2. That such memorials and resolutions be listed by name, and that the list be placed as the final item of the report of the committee to which they were referred—

We recommend concurrence.

MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Chairman*;

MRS. NAT. G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

CHINA.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	Memphis
1884.	Miss Virginia Atkinson, Soochow.....	North Alabama
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai.	St. Louis
1892.	Miss Alice G. Waters, 990 Boone Road, Shanghai.....	Memphis
1892.	Miss Martha E. Pyle, Soochow.....	Southwest Missouri
1892.	Miss Mildred B. Bomar, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	East Texas
1892.	Mrs. Julia A. Gaither, Sungkiang.....	North Georgia
1894.	Miss Clara Steger, Huchow, via Shanghai....	Southwest Missouri
1896.	Miss Ella D. Leveritt, Changchow.....	North Georgia
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant, Soochow.....	Texas
1901.	Miss Ida Anderson, Changchow.....	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White, Soochow.....	South Georgia
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins, Soochow.....	Mississippi
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Soochow.....	Texas
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai..	Memphis
1905.	Miss Irene S. King, Sungkiang.....	Missouri
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock, Sungkiang.....	South Georgia
1906.	Miss Mary Lou White, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	Virginia
1906.	Miss Emma S. Lester, Soochow (Laura Haygood).	North Georgia
1907.	Miss Nell D. Drake, Sungkiang.....	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Julia Wasson, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai.	North Mississippi
1909.	Miss Clara Park, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai....	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Leila Judson Tuttle, Shanghai.....	Western North Carolina
1910.	Miss Sarah J. Smith,* Huchow, via Shanghai.....	Virginia
1911.	Miss Mittie Shelton, Huchow, via Shanghai....	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Annie Clare Bradshaw,* Huchow, via Shanghai...	Virginia
1911.	Miss Bessie Bell Combs, Sungkiang.....	Missouri
1912.	Dr. Ethel Polk, Soochow.....	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Alice Green, Changchow.....	North Carolina
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales, Soochow.....	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Nina Troy, Huchow, via Shanghai..	Western North Carolina
1912.	Miss Flora Herndon, Soochow.....	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes, Soochow.....	North Alabama
1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead, Soochow.....	Western North Carolina
1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway, Soochow.....	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Lela Bliler, Soochow.....	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Dr. Hattie F. Love, Soochow.....	Holston
1913.	Miss Laura V. Mitchell, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai....	Florida
1913.	Miss May Hixson,* 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai....	North Georgia
1914.	Miss Louise Robinson, Soochow.....	North Alabama
1914.	Miss Sue Stanford, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	Central Texas

*At home on furlough.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1914.	Miss Nina Stallings, Soochow.....	Missouri
1914.	Miss Mary A. Hood, Soochow.....	Memphis
1915.	Miss Kate Hackney, Soochow.....	Western North Carolina
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb, Soochow.....	Mississippi
1915.	Miss Ruth Brittain, Nanking.....	North Alabama
1916.	Miss Mary Blackford.....	St. Louis

KOREA.

1887.	Miss J. P. Campbell, Seoul.....	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner,* Songdo.....	Holston
1905.	Miss Cordelia Erwin, Songdo.....	Memphis
1906.	Miss Mary D. Myers, Seoul.....	South Georgia
1906.	Miss Lillian E. Nichols, Songdo.....	Florida
1908.	Miss Sallie Kate Cooper, Wonsan.....	North Georgia
1909.	Miss Hallie Buie, Wonsan.....	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Laura Edwards, Choon Chun.....	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyes,* Wonsan.....	North Georgia
1910.	Miss Bertha A. Smith,* Seoul.....	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Choon Chun.....	Memphis
1911.	Miss Bertha Tucker,* Wonsan.....	North Georgia
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Seoul.....	North Carolina
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley, Songdo.....	South Georgia
1911.	Miss Lillie M. Reed, Songdo.....	East Oklahoma
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Seoul.....	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Songdo.....	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Eva Hardie, Seoul.....	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie, Seoul.....	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Songdo.....	Kentucky
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, Wonsan.....	North Georgia
1916.	Miss Rosa M. Lowder, Songdo.....	North Carolina

BRAZIL.

1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding, Rua Itaboca 72, Sao Paulo..	South Georgia
1894.	Miss Layona Glenn, Rio de Janeiro, Rua Aurea No. 100.	N. Georgia
1895.	Miss E. Perkinson, Collegio Americano, Petropolis....	Missouri
1896.	Miss Lily A. Stradley, Piracicaba.....	Central Texas
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer,* 621 Stonewall Ave., Trinidad, Colo...	Missouri
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud,* 217 E. Lane, Raleigh, N. C....	North Carolina
1901.	Miss Helen Johnson, Ribeirao Preto.....	Louisiana
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell, Piracicaba.....	Western North Carolina
1903.	Miss Emma Christine, Bello Horizonte.....	St. Louis
1905.	Mrs. F. K. Brown, Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba...	Holston
1907.	Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Porto Alegre.....	Tennessee
1908.	Miss Mamie Fenley, Bello Horizonte.....	Brazil
1910.	Miss V. Howell,* Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba.	Little Rock

*At home on furlough.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett, Ribeirao Preto.....	Texas
1911.	Miss Clare Beverly Cain, Ribeirao Preto.....	Louisville
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps, Bello Horizonte.....	South Carolina
1911.	Miss Florence Barton,* Petropolis.....	St. Louis
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson, Bello Horizonte.....	Central Texas
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Piracicaba.....	Brazil
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde, Petropolis.....	Missouri
1912.	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney, Porto Alegre.....	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley, Ribeirao Preto.....	Holston
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Bello Horizonte.....	North Alabama
1914.	Miss Elma Morgan, Porto Alegre.....	Little Rock
1914.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Porto Alegre.....	Virginia
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Ribeirao Preto.....	Virginia
1915.	Miss Maud Mathis, Bello Horizonte.....	Texas
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown, Piracicaba.....	Central Texas
1916.	Miss Lela M. Putnam.....	Central Texas
1916.	Miss Nancy R. Holt.....	Virginia

MEXICO.

1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts.....	North Texas
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper.....	Central Texas
1894.	Miss Esther Case.....	North Arkansas
1896.	Miss Edith Park.....	Texas
1897.	Miss Anne Churchill.....	Central Texas
1897.	Miss Laura V. Wright.....	Baltimore
1907.	Miss Linnie Barcroft.....	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Mary E. Massey.....	North Mississippi
1908.	Mrs. Nellie O'Bierne.....	Louisiana
1909.	Miss Minnie Varner.....	Alabama
1910.	Miss Johnnie Pierson.....	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Ellen Alfter.....	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Miss Frankie Hooper.....	Missouri
1911.	Miss Virginia Booth.....	West Texas
1912.	Miss Charley M. Cunningham.....	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson.....	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox.....	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham.....	Virginia
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan.....	South Georgia

CUBA.

1881.	Miss Rebecca Toland, Matanzas.....	Texas
1889.	Miss Ellie Tydings, Matanzas.....	Florida
1899.	Miss Frances B. Moling, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos...	Missouri

*At home on furlough.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1902.	Miss Belle Markey, Matanzas.....	Florida
1913.	Miss Margaret C. Webster, Matanzas.....	Central Texas
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos....	S. Georgia

JAPAN.

1915.	Miss Annette Gist, 65 Miyashitacho Koishikanoku, Tokyo.	Florida
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland, 65 Miyashitacho Koishikanoku, Tokyo.	Texas
1899.	Miss Maud Bonnell, 35 Nakayamatedori, 4 chome, Kobe.	East Oklahoma
1910.	Miss Nellie Bennett, 35 Nakayamatedori, 4 chome, Kobe..	Virginia
1910.	Miss Annie Belle Williams, Oita.....	South Carolina
1896.	Miss Ida Worth, Oita.....	St. Louis
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcombe.....	St. Louis

AFRICA.

1916.	Miss Etha Mills, Wembo-Niama.....	Virginia
1916.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, Wembo-Niama.....	West Texas
1916.	Miss Kathron Wilson, Wembo-Niama.....	North Texas

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

1908.	Miss Laura Lee, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba..	Tennessee
1911.	Miss Madge Hendry, Soochow, China.....	China
1913.	Miss Nina Keiser, Soochow, China.....	Memphis
1914.	Miss Elizabeth A. Love, Soochow, China.....	Holston
1914.	Miss Margarita Park, Soochow, China.....	China
1914.	Miss Nettie Lambuth, Soochow, China.....	China
1914.	Miss Margaret Tilley, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.....	Brazil
1915.	Miss Margie Alexander, Piracicaba, Brazil.....	Tennessee
1915.	Miss Lily May Pettyjohn, Matanzas, Cuba.....	Holston

NOTE.—Until work reopens, no addresses can be given for workers in Mexico.

DEACONESSES.

Name.	Address.
Abbott, Emma (1914)	Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn.
Anderson, Mattie (1913)	Wesley House, Macon, Ga.
Black, Lillie (1912)	Wesley House, Dallas, Tex.
Blackwell, Florence (1906)	Jonesboro, Ark.
Borchers, Cora (1909)	Wesley House, Macon, Ga.
Bowden, Ella (1911)	Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.
Breeden, Rosa (1910)	Wesley House, St. Joseph, Mo.
Brown, Lola (1913)	Los Angeles, Cal.
Burton, Emma (1908)	Trinity Church, Los Angeles, Cal.
Cloud, Ellen* (1912)	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Cooper, Hazel (1913)	Wesley House, Spartanburg, S. C.
Cox, Elizabeth (1911)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.
Cunningham, Mattie (1912)	Welch, W. Va.
Daniel, Mary (1910)	Corinth, Miss.
Davis, Elizabeth (1903)	Wesley House, Macon, Ga.
Dewer, Florida (1911)	Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.
Dragoo, Rhoda (1909)	Wesley House, Dallas, Tex.
Dreyer, Josephine (1915)	Sixteenth and Pine Streets, St. Louis, Mo.
Ducker, Jennie (1909)	Bristol, Va.
Duncan, Daisy* (1908)	Welch, W. Va.
Durham, Mary Ora (1908)	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Elliott, Maria (1914)	Lexington, Ky.
Ellison, Berta (1914)	Hillsboro, N. C.
Epps, Lucy (1913)	Danville, W. Va.
Fagan, Connie (1911)	Trinity Church, Savannah, Ga.
Fail, Maude (1915)	Settlement Home, Mobile, Ala.
Fausnaugh, Mary (1913)	204 Exchange Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.
Fuess, Edith (1911)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Gainey, Ellen (1910)	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Gardner, Helen (1915)	Methodist Institute, Richmond, Va.
Gatewood, Grace (1915)	132 Oakland, Shreveport, La.
Gibson, Helen (1908)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.
Godbey, Cornelia (1911)	Memphis, Tenn.
Graham, Aletha (1912)	Darlington, S. C.
Grizzard, Gertrude (1911)	Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.
Hanscom, Mary (1911)	Flat River, Mo.
Harris, Laura (1910)	Hartshorne, Okla.
Hasler, Mary (1914)	Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.
Henry, Willena (1909)	Hartshorne, Okla.
Hoover, Dora (1914)	Settlement Home, Mobile, Ala.
Hudson, Nannette (1909)	Greenwood, S. C.
Iles, Ellza (1912)	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Jackson, Ethel (1907)	Rebecca Sparks Home, Waco, Tex.
Jeter, Susie Belle (1910)	Mobile, Ala.
Kennedy, Mabel (1903)	Sixteenth and Pine Streets, St. Louis, Mo.
Leighty, Edith (1911)	Wesley House, Spartanburg, S. C.
Lowder, Sarah (1915)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.
Luth, Joanna (1915)	Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Mann, Frances (1907)	Warren, Ark.
Marshall, Maybelle (1907)	19 Alabama Street, Montgomery, Ala.
McCaughan, Ethel (1915)	Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.
Meyer, Mrs. Daisy (1914)	Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Miller, Frank (1913)	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Monohan, Selina* (1906)	Woman's Home and Hospital, Tampa, Fla.
Moore, Mary (1911)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Murphy, Rena (1915)	Asheville, N. C.
Palmore, Constance (1909)	South Georgia Conference Orphanage, Macon, Ga.
Parker, Lillian (1914)	Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.
Peoples, Adeline (1908)	Y. W. C. A., Mobile, Ala.
Proctor, Laura Belle (1913)	Spartanburg, S. C.
Ragland, Margaret (1908)	First M. E. Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.
Rhudy, Myrtle (1911)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Richardson, Falla (1913)	Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.
Richardson, Sophia (1915)	Robert McIntyre Coöperative Home, Savannah, Ga.
Ritter, Daisy (1915)	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Rowland, Grace (1915)	Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.
Scott, Frances (1910)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Shelder, Alice (1910)	Chester, S. C.
Shelton, Mae (1909)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Smith, Eugenia (1909)	1608 Boulevard, Fort Worth, Tex.
Stevens, Ida (1907)	Hot Springs, Ark.
Taylor, Elizabeth (1903)	Sixteenth and Vine Streets, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas, Berta (1910)	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Tinsley, Lols (1912)	Meridian, Miss.
Trawick, Annie (1906)	Portsmouth, Va.
Wahlroos, Wilhelmina (1913)	Baltimore, Md.
Walker, Kate (1913)	Houma, La.
Wheeler, Mabel* (1909)	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Whiteside, Florence (1915)	Raleigh, N. C.

Name.	Address.
Williams, Jennie (1913)	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Womack, Mollie (1911)	Wesley House, Meridian, Miss.
Wood, Mary (1911)	Wesley House, St. Joseph, Mo.
Wright, Mattie (1903)	60 Elgin Park, San Francisco, Cal.
Wynn, Nelle (1912)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.

MISSIONARIES.

Acton, Mrs. Julia Bodley	380 McAlister Street, San Francisco, Cal.
Allen, Bessie	Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn.
Bond, Mrs. Carrie*	Wesley House, Dallas, Tex.
Bowers, Birdie	Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.
Brown, Clara Frances	Warioto Settlement, Nashville, Tenn.
Cason, Lula*	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Crim, Dorothy	Ensley Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Criin, Lula	Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
Cunningham, Ethel	Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.
Davis, Sade	Orangeburg, S. C.
DeBardleben, Mary	Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
Fox, Lillie	West Tampa, Fla.
Guffin, Josephine	Asheville, N. C.
Haskin, Jeanette	Memphis, Tenn.
Haskin, Sara Estelle	Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.
Hughes, Elizabeth	Albany, Ga.
Jackson, Grace	Welch, W. Va.
Marsh, Lula*	Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.
Meriwether, Mary	Augusta, Ga.
Mitchell, Susie	Darlington, S. C.
Mutch, Annie	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Nutt, Martha	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Rector, Annie	Wesley House, Danville, Va.
Reed, Ruth	Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.
Summers, Laura	Wesley House, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Terrell, Willie	South Georgia Conference Orphans' Home, Macon, Ga.
Trousdale, Mattie	Ensley Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Waddell, Eva	Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.
Wannamaker, Claudia	Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.
Wike, Mattie	Flat River, Mo.
Willoughby, Willie	Wesley House, Memphis, Tenn.
Wilson, Kathron*	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Wood, May	2131 N. Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Tex.
Young, Zadie	Wesley House, Macon, Ga.

MISSIONARY-KINDERGARTNERS.

Butcher, Ella Kerr	Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.
Crutchfield, Julia	Jenkins, Ky.
Denton, Frances	Marston Hall, Thurber, Tex.
Dickinson, Ethel	Augusta, Ga.
Dorton, Eva	Ensley Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Hamby, Mittie	Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Herrick, Sue	Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn.
Owens, Jane	West Tampa, Fla.
Parsons, Celia	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Shelton, Anne	Wesley House, Spartanburg, S. C.
Urquhart, Margaret	Augusta, Ga.

PASTORS.

Rev. William Acton	Alameda, Cal.
Rev. J. R. Fujii	Alameda, Cal.
Rev. David Lee	San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. S. Y. Whang	San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. J. E. Reifschneider	Galveston, Tex.
Rev. W. T. Griffin	Gulfport, Miss.
Rev. K. Ozaki	Oakland, Cal.
Rev. Keiichi Imai	Walnut Grove, Cal.

MISSIONARY-TEACHERS.

Prof. J. C. Lewis	Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.
Dr. Katherine Jackson French	Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.
Rev. J. E. Savage	Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.
Prof. A. W. Mohn	Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.
Prof. C. H. Trowbridge	Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.
Prof. E. E. Bishop	Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.
Mrs. M. L. Stone	Virginia Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.
Miss Lotie Adams	Wolf Mission, Tampa, Fla.
Dr. J. M. Skinner	Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

PORTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, BOARD OF MISSIONS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, THAT BEAR ON THE WOMAN'S WORK.

Board.

ARTICLE I. The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered under the Board of Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall hereafter be administered by a Board of Missions, which shall have charge of all foreign missions of the Church and of such missions in the home field as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under two departments—namely, the Department of Foreign Missions and the Department of Home Missions.

Officers and
Managers.

ART. II. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, a General Secretary, two Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions, two Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions, two Educational Secretaries (one of these Secretaries in each instance shall be a woman), and thirty Managers, of whom ten shall be preachers, ten laymen, and ten women (one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council); the bishops, the Treasurer of this Board, and an Assistant Treasurer (who shall be a woman); the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Corresponding Secretary of the Epworth League Board, Secretary of the Sunday School Board, and the President and General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement shall be *ex-officio* members. Said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference as follows: The President, Vice President, and Managers on nomination of the Committee on Missions; the General Secretary by ballot at the time of the election of the other connectional officers; the members elected to continue in office until their successors are chosen. The Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur. The Secretaries for Foreign Missions, the Secretaries for Home Missions, the Educational Secretaries, the Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board, the women on the nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council. The officers and members shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. III. The Board shall be located in the city of Nashville, Tenn.; but its annual meeting may be held in such place and at such time as the Board shall determine.

ART. IV. The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current expenses; to establish missions; to build churches and residences for missionaries and to build and maintain hospitals and schools; to select and publish books and other suitable literature for its work at home and abroad; to aid in the establishment and support of training schools for Christian workers, for native converts and preachers, and to cooperate with other Churches in the establishment and support of such schools wherever it may be practicable; to make provision for the missionary education of the Church; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to provide funds and to appropriate the same for the maintenance of all the work under its care. It shall annually pay to the Board superintending the Epworth Leagues, as a cultivation fund for the development of missionary liberality in the Epworth Leagues, a sum equal to ten per cent of the amounts contributed by the Epworth Leagues for missionary specials. It shall also publish annually a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it and the amount appropriated and paid to each, and lay before the General Conference a report of its operations, including the location and value of property held by the Board.

ART. V. The General Secretary shall preside at a meeting of all the Secretaries of the Board to be held monthly for the consideration of the interests under their care. He shall supervise the inauguration of new policies and negotiations looking to cooperation with other denominations and shall look after the legal and other general business of the Board. He shall have oversight of the affairs of the Board in all its departments and shall be responsible to the Board for the execution of its policies.

ART. VI. The Department of Foreign Missions shall administer all the missions of the Church in foreign lands and the funds appropriated for the same and shall supervise the work of the foreign missionaries on the field, who shall be subject to appointment by the bishop in charge. This work shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions.

Home Department and Duty of Secretaries.

ART. VII. The Department of Home Missions shall administer the home mission enterprises of the Church; provided the Annual Conference Boards shall have charge of all the missions they may establish and provide for within their bounds. Candidates for mission work under this department shall be accepted by the Committee on Candidates on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service. When accepted, such candidates shall be nominated for appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work; provided, further, that this paragraph shall not be construed as forbidding Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of this department. The work of this department shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions.

Educational Secretaries.

ART. VIII. The Educational Secretaries shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church, with special reference to the Sunday school, the Epworth League, the schools and colleges of the Church, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and other agencies of the Church.

Residence and Salaries of Secretaries.

ART. IX. The Secretaries shall reside in Nashville, Tenn. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to its legal business; to prepare the Annual Report and to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or in the Church papers, as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions; and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed.

Committee on Estimates.

ART. X. The Secretaries of the Board, together with three members of the Board, one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council, shall be a Committee on Estimates, of which the General Secretary shall be chairman. This committee shall consider the work and needs of the different fields, mission stations, and enterprises at home and abroad, the number of persons to be employed in each, and the amount of money needed for the same and for the expenses of the Board, submitting a full report of the same to the Board for its adoption in annual session.

Annual Meeting.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions, the number of

persons to be employed in each, to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences.

ART. XII. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting of the Board and nine at a called meeting.

ART. XIII. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be women, which shall meet quarterly and hear reports from the field, consider and decide all questions that may arise from time to time, excepting such questions as they may deem necessary to refer to the Board. This committee shall keep a record of all its proceedings, to be reviewed by the Board.

ART. XIV. The Board shall employ only effective missionaries for its work and shall require each one to make a quarterly report to the Secretaries concerning the state and prospects of the work in charge.

ART. XV. The revenue of the Board shall be derived from apportionments to be distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation; from the Woman's Missionary Societies, provided that the funds raised by the Woman's Missionary Societies shall be appropriated to the work established by them or hereafter to be inaugurated under these provisions; from the Sunday school and Epworth League; from such other plans as may be adopted by the Board or congregations; from special collections by the Secretaries and the bishops; and from donations, annuities, and legacies.

ART. XVI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the drafts of one of the Secretaries designated by the Board, payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. He shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The salary of the Treasurer and of the Assistant Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by an expert accountant and a report of the same made to the Board.

ART. XXV. The Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions shall give bond in such sum as the Board may require, said bond to be approved by the executive officers of the Board. He shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions on the first day of each month all the moneys

he may have on hand for foreign missions, including amounts contributed by the Sunday schools, a separate account of which shall be kept. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference Board. The Annual Conference Treasurers of the Woman's Missionary Societies shall transmit quarterly to the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions all the moneys they may have on hand for the general missionary fund.

Duty of Presiding Elder.

ART. XXVI. It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans be adopted for the missionary education of the Church and for raising missionary funds; to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year; to see that they hold missionary mass meetings; and to encourage the organization and foster the work of Woman's Missionary Societies.

Duty of Preacher in Charge.

ART. XXVII. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach frequently on the subject of missions, to organize a Missionary Committee, and to hold missionary mass meetings annually in every church in his charge; to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the Conference year for a missionary contribution; to see that a missionary committee is appointed in each Sunday school, that one Sunday in the month is observed as Missionary Day, that the entire missionary offering of the Sunday school goes to the Board of Missions, and that this offering shall be designated, forwarded, and reported as expressly directed in Paragraph 264 of the Discipline; to see that each League holds a monthly meeting and studies the subject of missions; to circulate missionary literature and to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the evangelization of the world; and to see that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in every Church where at all practicable.

Authorization for Woman's Work.

ART. XXVIII. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are hereby authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches in the interest of home and foreign missions. These societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds by means of membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devices, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society.

ART. XXIX. There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, two Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, Superintendents of Bureaus, the Corresponding Secretary or alternate, and the President or alternate of each Annual Conference Society. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions, both men and women, the Assistant Treasurer, and the women who are members of the Board of Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Woman's
Missionary
Council.

The Council shall hold annual meetings to hear reports from the fields, home and foreign, and from the societies; to consider the fields, lines of work, the various enterprises and the amounts needed for the same, and make recommendations to the Board of Missions through the Committee on Estimates, to be considered with other estimates of the Board for final determination, and to consecrate the women who have been accepted for service.

The Council shall enact its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies, all of which shall be in harmony with the constitution of the Board of Missions. The Council shall plan to enlarge the membership of the societies, to increase the income from them, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children.

At its annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot, without nomination, and in the same way shall be authorized to choose the women who are to be nominated as officers and members of the Board of Missions, as provided for in Article II.

All property hereafter acquired by the Woman's Missionary Society through devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, or purchase shall be held by the Board of Missions for the use and benefit of Woman's Work.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

1. The President shall preside at the session and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall be *ex officio* member of all committees. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.

Vice Presi-
dents.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the

work of the children. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.

Administra-
tive Secre-
taries.

3. The Administrative Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Work of the Council shall execute the will of the Council in the administration of the affairs of their respective departments. They shall furnish the officers and members of the Council all needed information concerning workers and institutions. They shall acquaint themselves with the conditions, needs, and opportunities of mission fields, which they shall publish for the information of the Church. They shall sign all orders on the treasury and attend to the legal business of their respective departments.

Educational
Secretary.

4. The Educational Secretary shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Society. She shall supervise mission study and Bible study and give attention to the missionary education of students in Church and State schools and shall promote missionary education through institutes and summer conferences. She shall supervise the publication of leaflets and special literature ordered by the Council and direct the publicity work for the dissemination of missionary information.

Treasurer.

5. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her, as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

Officers of
Board of
Missions.

6. The Administrative Secretaries of Home and Foreign Work and the Educational Secretary shall be nominated as Secretaries of the Board of Missions, and the Treasurer shall be nominated as the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

Secretary of
the Home
Base.

7. The Secretary of the Home Base shall conduct the correspondence with the members of the Council; she shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall maintain a depository of missionary and religious literature and shall superintend the distribution of all literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship, and she shall, with the Administrative and Educational Secretaries, plan for itineraries and for conference and special meetings. She shall in every way practicable strengthen the Home Base.

Monthly
Confer-
ences.

8. The Administrative, Educational, and Home Base Secretaries and the Treasurer shall hold monthly conferences for the purpose of correlating the interests of the various

departments and for the consideration of the work under their care.

9. There shall be one or more Field Secretaries, who shall advance the interest of the work by travel and as otherwise directed by the Council. They shall, by correspondence with the Secretary of the Home Base, keep her informed as to conditions in the field. Field Secretaries.

10. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall also give notice of the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee and send an abstract of its proceedings to absent members. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented to the annual session of the Council. Recording Secretary.

11. The ten women nominated by the Council to be the ten women managers of the Board of Missions shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Council. They shall extend the work by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. Managers.

12. There shall be a Bureau of Social Service for the purpose of stimulating and directing the study and investigation of social questions and of bringing about social reforms in home and foreign fields. This Bureau shall be under the direction of a Superintendent, and she shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base. Bureau of Social Service.

13. There shall be a Bureau of Supplies for the purpose of sending boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to institutions in both home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council, to the Missionary Training Schools, and to the institutions supported by Conference Societies. This Bureau shall be in charge of a Superintendent. She shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the Home Base. Bureau of Supplies.

14. Bureaus may be created when new lines of work develop which shall require special supervision. Additional Bureaus.

15. When vacancies among officers, managers, or superintendents of bureaus or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council. Supply of Vacancies.

16. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall consist of its officers, managers, and superintendents of bureaus, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. This committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work Executive Committee.

of the year, to prepare for the annual session of the Council, and to attend to any other necessary business.

(2) The business of the Council in the interim of the annual session shall be conducted by the members of the Executive Committee resident in Nashville, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. This meeting may be called by the President or any Secretary.

(3) The Executive Committee shall nominate the annual session committees.

Estimates
and Ex-
penses.

17. (1) The Council in annual session shall appropriate money for the maintenance of its work in all fields, for the expense of administration, and for a contingent fund. These appropriations shall be recommended to the Board of Missions.

(2) Appropriations for one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council, the traveling expenses of officers, managers, superintendents of bureaus, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual session of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

Extra Ses-
sions of
Council.

18. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven officers or of twenty-seven members at large. This request must be in the hands of the President and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

19. (1) No new work shall be projected and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated except at the annual session of the Council.

Restrictions.

(2) No persons shall solicit gifts for an object not authorized by the Council.

20. STANDING COMMITTEES.

(1) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council.

(2) The standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

Committee on Educational Institutions.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Educational Institutions of nine members, who shall be the President, the Administrative Secretaries of Foreign and Home Work, three members from the Executive Committee of the Council, and three from the Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to become familiar with the educational work of both departments and to report the same to the Council in annual session.

(3) *Foreign Work.*—This committee shall require the principal of each school to send quarterly reports and an annual report, including the course of study, the names of textbooks, the name, salary, nationality, and religious faith of each teacher in the school, the rank of the school, the registration, the recognition of the government under which it is established, the compliance with the government requirements, the grade of equipment, and a statistical and financial statement.

(4) *Home Work.*—(a) Some members of the committee shall, if possible, visit the schools in the home field and become acquainted with their conduct and management. (b) This committee shall recommend to the Council in annual session the superintendent or principal of each school and the number of teachers necessary for each. The principal of each school shall submit to this committee the credentials of the faculty for indorsement and appointment.

Committee on Itineration.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Itineration, which shall consist of the Corresponding Secretaries, the Secretary of the Home Base, and the Educational and Field Secretaries.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications for helpers received by the Secretary of the Home Base.

Committee on Applicants for Scholarships.

(1) The Committee on Applicants for Scholarships shall consist of five members, who shall be the Administrative Secretaries of Foreign and Home Work, one representative from each of the training schools, and a member of the Council resident in Nashville.

(2) An applicant for a scholarship must present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives. If the applicant measures up to the standard required by the Council, her papers shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the department to which application is made. These papers shall be referred to the committees.

(3) It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the papers of applicants for scholarships. The applicant must meet fully the educational requirements of the Council and the physical requirements of the Board of Medical Advisers before being recommended to the principals of the training schools for entrance.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work, who shall be the President, the two Administrative Secretaries, and four members from the Woman's Missionary Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications from deaconesses and foreign and home missionary candidates. If, in the judgment of the committee, the candidates reach the physical, educational, and spiritual standards adopted by the Council, their papers shall be referred, with recommendations, to the Committee on Missionary Candidates appointed by the Board of Missions.

(3) If this committee approves their acceptance, the Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work shall arrange for their consecration.

(4) This committee and seven additional members from the Council at large shall constitute the Sessions Committee for the annual meeting of the Council.

Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

(1) The Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall consist of the President, the two Administrative Secretaries, and eleven members from the Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications for deaconesses and home missionaries and arrange for annual appointments in annual session and any *ad interim* transfers of deaconesses and home missionaries.

(3) Applications for deaconesses and home missionaries or for change of workers shall be submitted to this committee through the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work.

(4) Quarterly reports from the deaconesses and home missionaries and from city mission boards and other agencies employing deaconesses and home missionaries shall be kept on file in the office of the Administrative Secretary of Home Work.

(5) This committee shall make a full report of the deaconess work at the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which shall be incorporated in the printed report of the Council.

(6) It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the expenditure of funds, to encourage or restrain expansion, and to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

(7) It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no city boards of missions and where conditions are encouraging. The same shall be reported to the Council in annual session or Executive Committee meeting. If authorized, the committee shall aid in the organization of a city board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of seven members.

(2) To this committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

Committee on Literature.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature of thirteen members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to plan the yearbooks, leaflets, and other literature ordered by the Council and to assist in their preparation.

(3) The amount and character of the general supply of literature shall be determined by the Committee on Literature at an annual *ad interim* meeting. The Secretaries, in conference with the Chairman of the Committee on Literature, shall determine the literature needed for their work in the interim.

Committee on Social Service.

There shall be a Committee on Social Service of nine members. The Superintendent of Social Service, the President, and the Administrative and Educational Secretaries shall be *ex officio* members, and the remaining members shall be selected from the Council at large.

Committee on Estimates.

(1) There shall be two Standing Committees on Estimates, one for the Home Work and one for the Foreign Work. Each committee shall consist of five members: the President, the Administrative Secretary, the Treasurer, and two members from the Executive Committee resident in Nashville.

(2) It shall be the duty of these committees to receive estimates from the fields through the Administrative Secretaries and prepare them for presentation to the Council in annual session.

21. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

No change which was not submitted to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws sixty days before the session shall be voted on at that session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT, YOUNG PEOPLE'S, AND CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each district, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee composed of a representative from each district, who shall be chosen by the district delegation. This shall not debar the parliamentary privilege of nomination from the floor nor the privilege of balloting for any person not nominated.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The First Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship and shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mis-

sion study and Bible study and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer and service and by paying twenty cents per month.

Each member shall be asked to make a voluntary offering for the maintenance and extension of the general work. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

6. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

7. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

8. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

9. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its

work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is promptly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. A., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial fund by the gift of fifteen dollars for this specific purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice

President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles, and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the *Missionary Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate wherever possible in the social service movements of her Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice President. All membership, mite box, and

other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years, shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice

Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. These officers, with the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice President shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker* and local papers.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in directing the children in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council.

STANDING RULES.

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no

committee be less than three. The actions of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

3. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible shall receive appointment at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

4. Scholarships shall not be granted for home mission workers by Council or Conferences to young women who do not meet the educational requirements adopted by the Council.

5. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and coöperate with them for the advancement of their work.

6. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

7. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

8. The Chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the standing rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

9. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliary.

10. One special leaflet on mission study shall be issued for use in connection with the prospectus in the campaign.

11. One leaflet shall be issued each quarter on the subject of Christian stewardship.

12. One leaflet shall be issued each quarter on social service.

13. All manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by the Committee on Literature shall be submitted to each member of the committee before going to print.

14. A yearbook of young people's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the First Vice President of the Council.

15. A yearbook of children's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Second Vice President of the Council.

16. A yearbook of programs for adult auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Educational Secretary.

17. Monthly leaflets shall be issued for young people.

18. Monthly leaflets shall be issued for children.

19. Pledge cards shall be issued annually and shall be ready for the January meeting.
20. Bible studies for the Social Service Department shall be prepared each quarter.
21. One Handbook and one Yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.
22. Two copies of the booklet "Helps" shall be furnished free of cost to each Adult, Young People's, or Children's Auxiliary.
23. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a week of prayer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Wherever there are as many as six young people in any Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.
2. All organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.
3. Our young people shall be urged and encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for young people.
4. Good Friday shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields.
5. All Conferences shall adopt for their specials for young people those named by the Council from year to year.
6. Members of the Council at large, in giving pledges for their Conferences, shall give those of the young people separately from those of the Adult Society.
7. Every Conference shall be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational address on "Young People's Missionary Work."
8. One afternoon of the Week of Prayer of the adult auxiliaries shall be given to the young people.
9. The offering given the afternoon devoted to the Young People's Work during the Week of Prayer shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society.
10. October shall be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.
11. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for young people.
12. Cards shall be printed for the use of Young People's Societies upon which they may state at the beginning of each year the amount of their membership offering and the amount to be given toward the pledges fixed by the Council.
13. One leaflet bearing exclusively on young people's work shall be published each quarter.
14. A leaflet on Christian Stewardship for Young People shall be prepared and distributed in time for the stewardship meeting in January.

15. The special for the young people for the ensuing year shall be made at each annual meeting of the Council.

16. Small numeral ribbon flyers shall be given each year to such young people's auxiliaries as attain the standard of excellence.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

1. Auxilliary First Vice Presidents shall seek the closest affiliation with the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues where such exist. The alternative constitution adopted by the Epworth League Board shall be used where Junior Leagues are already organized, and Auxilliary First Vice Presidents shall become, where possible, managers of the Missionary Department.

2. A Certificate of Honor shall be granted at the close of each fiscal year to each auxiliary that has attained the Roll of Honor.

3. One day of the Week of Prayer shall be made a special day of prayer for the children, and a special program shall be prepared to be used by the children.

4. The offering of the children on the Children's Day of the Week of Prayer shall go through the channels of the Children's Society.

5. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for children.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

APPLICANTS.

Regular papers to be filled out by the applicant giving information desired by the committee will be furnished by the Secretary of the Foreign Department. These, together with testimonials, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which the applicant resides. She will bring them before the Executive Committee of the Conference Society and, if favorably acted upon by them, will forward them to the Secretary of the Foreign Department, who will present them to the Candidate Committee and communicate their action to the candidate and the Conference officers. All applicants should be furnished with literature from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, so that they may know the course of study that is required for missionary service.

ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT.

Upon completion of the course at the Training School, the papers of candidates, together with the faculty recommendations, are passed upon by the Candidate Committee of the Board, which recommends the appointment to a definite field. After acceptance by the Board the candidate is subject to the appointment of the bishop in charge of the field where she is to serve. Necessary funds for outfit and traveling expenses are provided. Salary begins with the date of arrival on

the field. No applicant after acceptance may enter into any engagement involving expense on the part of the Board unless expressly authorized to do so.

SALARIES.

All missionaries working under the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions receive for the first year of service on the field \$600. After successfully passing the first year's examination in language study the salary is \$750 per year, except in Rio de Janeiro, where the salary for the first year is \$750, and after the examination on the first year's course of study is successfully passed it is \$900. Salary while on furlough is \$500 a year.

REGULATIONS.

1. Missionaries, upon entering the field assigned them, shall use diligence in the study of the language and such other studies as may qualify them for their work, under the direction of the Secretary of the Mission or Secretary of the District. Report of the examinations on language study shall be forwarded promptly to the Secretary of the Foreign Department.

2. Missionaries in the field are expected to conform in all respects to the regulations of the Board. It is understood that their time and labor are to be devoted, under the direction of the Board, exclusively to the interest of the mission with which they are connected. They may in no case enter into engagements affecting their relation to the mission or receive compensation for work so undertaken unless authorized by the Board.

3. For the sake of unity on the mission field, every missionary is expected to work in harmony with the Secretary of that part of the field where she works. Through the Secretary she will receive the instructions of the Council and the funds sent out for her work.

4. All missionaries in foreign fields are forbidden to appeal to the Church through the public print or otherwise for pecuniary aid in any missionary enterprise without the approval of the Board. All appeals for the continuance of specials or for payment of deficits on specials should be made through the Secretary of the Board.

5. Every missionary shall make quarterly report to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. It is expected that every missionary shall inform the Secretary concerning all matters affecting the interests of the mission. It is also expected and desired that our missionaries write fully and freely to the Secretaries concerning their work.

6. Any person handling the funds of the Board shall at the end of each quarter send to the Secretary a detailed account of all moneys received from whatever source and payments made. At the end of the year a statement showing the true balance shall be forwarded the Secretary of the Foreign Department.

The Treasurers of the missions shall annually furnish a state-

ment of the nature, location, condition, and estimated value of the property of the missions. A surplus in any department of the work shall be kept in the treasury on the field until its use is authorized by the Board. The books of the Treasurer of a mission or of other persons handling the funds of the Board shall be audited by the Auditing Committee on the field, whose report shall be sent with the annual report of the Treasurer to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. The Auditing Committee shall report to the Secretaries any failure of any missionary to follow out these instructions.

7. No new work shall be opened without consent of the Board. No missionary or superintendent shall make any investment for the Board or create a liability against it without its authority.

8. Any missionary violating the instructions of the Board may forfeit all claims upon the funds of the Board and may be dismissed from its service after due notice.

9. All reports, statements, and estimates intended for the action of the Board shall be in the hands of the Secretary for the information of the Estimates Committee not later than March 1.

10. Women missionaries shall arrange their work so as to allow one month's vacation during the year, which shall be spent, if possible, away from the mission station.

11. The first regular furlough will be granted after five years of service and every seven years thereafter. Travel to and from the field will be paid, but no salary during the time of travel. The missionary on furlough shall undertake no work during the first three months after reaching the homeland or during the three months preceding her return to the field. She will be expected to attend the first meeting of the Council after her return home, the expense of the trip to be borne by the Council. Plans for study during the furlough period should be made in consultation with the Secretary of the foreign work.

12. So far as possible, every missionary should have a medical examination each year, preferably just before the vacation. Report of the same shall be made to the Secretary of the foreign work.

RULES GOVERNING DEACONESSES.

The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, ^{Work.} care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work.

A candidate for the office of deaconess must be at least ^{Requirements.} twenty-three and not more than fifty years of age. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

South, in good standing and must have shown fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must be a single woman or widow without dependents for support or companionship. She shall have a high-school education and two years of college work or its equivalent. The equivalents of the two years of college work are:

1. Diploma of an approved nurse-training school.
2. Diploma of an approved kindergarten college.
3. Diploma of an approved business college and two years of successful business experience.
4. Three years of work at an approved normal school.
5. Four years of successful experience as a teacher.

No Vows
Required.

No vows shall be required of any deaconess; but it is expected that one seeking to become a deaconess will have considered carefully the step she is taking and, feeling called of God to do this work, will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting herself wholly to it.

A deaconess shall be at liberty to retire from work after three months' notice to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Preparation.

A deaconess candidate must have two years of preparation at a reputable training school and when she has finished the required course of study must be recommended by the faculty to the Board of Missions for acceptance. She shall have a certificate of good health from a reputable physician and the recommendation of the pastor and the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which she is a member.

An accepted candidate shall serve a period of probation of not less than two years prior to consecration to the work and office of deaconess.

For the further testing of her fitness a probationer shall be appointed to a place where there are leaders of experience.

Consecration.

When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall present her to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate duly signed by the President, the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the General Secretary of the Board of Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate shall be surrendered to the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Com-

mittee on Deaconess Work and City Missions deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place of service.

1. If a candidate for nurse-deaconess has had a course of nurse-training and can present a diploma from the hospital where she received training and also an indorsement as to ability and adaptability for such work, together with the usual testimonials required of deaconess candidates, she shall be required to take only one year of study in a Bible training school before consecration. She must be recommended, as other deaconess candidates, by the faculty of the school where she receives her Bible-training. Nurse-Deaconesses.

2. A candidate for nurse-deaconess work who has not received her nurse-training shall have one year in a Bible-training school before she enter on the course for nurse-training, this training to be had in a Christian hospital selected by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions. The course of study in both cases described shall be arranged for and adjusted by the Secretary of the Home Work and the principal of the Bible-training school in which the candidate is to study. During the whole period of training the candidate for nurse-deaconess work shall be under the control and care of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

3. Any one receiving training for Home Work from the Woman's Missionary Council shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leaves the work without the consent of the Council before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid by the Council. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service. Obligations for Training.

4. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Missionary Council. Recognition.

5. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in the training school, the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall examine the candidate and, if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall recommend her to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, or at such time and place as the Committee on Exceptions.

Deaconess Work and City Missions shall direct, and shall be granted by that Council a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

Financial
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ment.

1. A deaconess shall receive a monthly stipend of \$20 in addition to her living expenses, these living expenses to include separate room, board, laundry, and car fare.

2. A deaconess not living in an institution should be allowed to handle the money necessary for her living expenses.

3. A City Board or Church employing a deaconess is required to pay her traveling expenses from the place from which she comes to them. The traveling expenses of a new worker just from the training school shall be paid from her home to the place of appointment.

4. Every deaconess shall be allowed a month's vacation, during which time she shall receive her stipend from the board or Church employing her. An additional sum of \$25 shall be paid each deaconess for vacation money.

5. In case of temporary sickness of a deaconess who has been in its employ not less than one year the agency employing her shall for a period not exceeding two months pay to such worker the equivalent of her stipend and living expenses for said time, and the deaconess shall bear her own expenses incurred by sickness. Beyond this the agency employing the worker shall not be held responsible for relief.

6. In case of prolonged illness of a deaconess exceeding two months the agency employing her shall report the same to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Council, who shall pay to such deaconess her stipend for an additional period not to exceed six months, after which time the Council shall not be held responsible.

7. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter the work after the age of forty years or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration unless, because of her qualifications, she is recommended by an approved training school for positions where there is special demand for the deaconess uniform.

Duration of
Appointment.

The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and

sufficient reasons she should be released by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

When a deaconess withdraws from active work in response to family or other cause that she regards as providential, she may have her certificate renewed and wear the uniform for one year, but no longer; if, after continuing out of the work for several years, she desires to return to it, she can do so without reconsecration, but must furnish satisfactory testimonials of her life during the interim and of her health at the time she applies for readmission.

1. When the deaconess is on duty, a simple uniform shall be worn. The exact details of this uniform will be kept in printed form and may be had from the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. Every deaconess accepted by the Woman's Missionary Council shall be provided with a suitable uniform for consecration from the funds of the Council.

Pastors, mission boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified by items under Financial Adjustment.

All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

RULES GOVERNING CITY MISSIONARIES.

1. A candidate for acceptance and appointment to city mission work must feel moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon herself the work of a home missionary. She must be at least twenty-three years of age, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recommended by the faculty of the training school where she has studied and the pastor of the Church of which she is a member. She shall also have a good health certificate from a reputable physician.

2. The Woman's Missionary Council shall not support in training schools any young woman who is not twenty-one years of age nor appoint as city missionary a young woman under twenty-three years of age. She shall be willing to accept the appointments given by the Council.

Appoint-
ments.

3. All appointments of missionaries made at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council or by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions during the year shall continue until the next annual session of the Council, unless the missionary's health should fail or for good and sufficient reasons she should be released.

4. A kindergartner accepted and appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council shall sustain the same relation to the work as any deaconess or city missionary, and shall be regarded as a missionary. She shall assume her part of responsibility in the general work of the institution and assist in the other activities, but not to such an extent as shall interfere with the best development of her own department.

Financial
Arrange-
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5. The city missionary receives a salary, the amount and terms of which are determined by the board employing her.

Reports.

6. She shall make monthly report to the City Board and quarterly and annual reports to the Woman's Missionary Council.

RULES GOVERNING WESLEY HOUSES AND INSTITUTIONAL WORK.

1. *Deaconesses.*—Every deaconess shall keep a ledger account of all moneys received and disbursed by her in the work. Her books shall be audited annually.

2. *Head Resident.*—The Head Resident shall direct the work of the Wesley House and keep in the closest possible touch with all workers connected with the institution. She shall submit all plans for the development and conduct of the work to the Executive Committee of the City Mission Board. She shall use a system of records and files, such as the work of the institution demands. It shall be her duty to see that all workers do their part in the keeping of such records. She shall conduct a bimonthly cabinet meeting, or workers' conference, at which time each worker shall be given an opportunity to bring up the problems of her department, especially as they relate to the work of other departments, thus preserving the harmony of the institution. She shall be responsible for developing and maintaining the highest degree of efficiency and spirituality in the workers.

3. *Resident Workers.*—The plans of all workers for their departments shall be submitted to the head resident for approval before they are presented to the City Mission Board.

4. *Institutional Churches.*—Where union is desired between a City Mission Board and the local Church in the conduct of an institutional Church, the following plans are adopted: That

(1) The work be divided into two main departments, to be called the Church Department and the Wesley House Department.

(2) The City Board conduct the Wesley House Department, having a head resident and a corps of workers, and be responsible for the support and control of its own work.

(3) The City Board assume no financial responsibility or control in the conduct of the Church Department.

(4) The workers of the Wesley House Department cooperate with the pastor of the Church Department in advancing the growth and development in the spiritual life of the community.

5. *Local Church*.—Where a City Mission Board conducts a Wesley House independently, and yet desires to cooperate with the community Church, the following plans are adopted: That

(1) The deaconesses and other resident workers of the Wesley House cooperate with the pastor of the community Church and seek in every way to advance its interest and build up its constituency.

(2) The City Mission Board as an organization assumes no part of the financial responsibility of the Church.

6. *Clinic*.—(1) The clinic may be an activity of the Wesley House, provided the neighborhood is large enough to justify the outlay of funds and service.

(2) When there is a clinic maintained, it shall be conducted as the outpatient department of a city hospital is maintained. Sick persons may be seen and prescribed for in rooms set aside for clinic work. Cases that require operation involving anæsthesia, or the constant attendance of a nurse, should be referred to institutions prepared for the care of such patients.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

City missions under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be divided into two classes, according to ability to support and conduct mission work.

Class A shall consist of Wesley Houses where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than \$100 a month for current expenses. Through the Standing Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions the Council shall have control of the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The head residents of these Wesley Houses shall be women of experience and training and shall have full charge of the internal affairs of the home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the home shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board pays regularly not less than \$60 or as much as \$100 a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Wesley House, this class of missionary work shall not be so designated, and

the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on, wherever possible or desirable, in the nearest Methodist church; or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it.

LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION BOARDS.

I. COMPOSITION.

1. In all our cities and towns where there are two or more auxiliaries, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from auxiliaries which coöperate regularly in the activities and financial support of the work. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives and one additional for every ten members. Council and Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of Churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders shall be advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and superintendents of departments of work. These officers, with the presiding elders, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The election of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the City Mission Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into as many departments as the work may require. Each department shall be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the City Mission Board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. Each coöperating auxiliary shall have representation on the standing committees. These standing committees shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Board of City Missions at the January meeting.

2. Standing committees shall meet at the call of the superintendents of the departments.

3. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

4. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the President of the coöperating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one or more regular monthly meetings of the Board of City Missions.
2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.
3. There shall be one or more regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The coöperating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges to be paid monthly.
2. All Boards of City Missions that expend \$60 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council an appropriation of ten per cent on the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

VII. BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.
2. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and assist the President in all efforts to advance the interests of the work.
3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended, and shall make a monthly, quarterly, and annual report of the same to the City Mission Board, and shall make a quarterly and annual report to the Treasurer of the Conference. She shall pay money only on the order of the President of the Board of City Missions. Her books shall be audited annually.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and shall make quarterly reports to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council.
5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the City Mission Board and a correct roll of its membership in permanent form. She shall give notice of all regular and called meetings.
6. The department superintendents, acting with their standing committees, shall plan for and actively advance the interests of their departments. No new work or policy enterprised by any department shall be put into operation without being approved by the Board of City Missions.
7. The Executive Committee shall in the interim of the monthly meetings conduct the necessary business of the City Mission Board. It shall act upon all questions relative to applications for employment or dismissal of workers and shall submit such action for approval to the Board of City Missions in regular or called meeting.

VIII. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each coöperating auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the City Mission Board.
2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations.)

IX. -REPORTS.

Monthly reports shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives on the City Mission Board.

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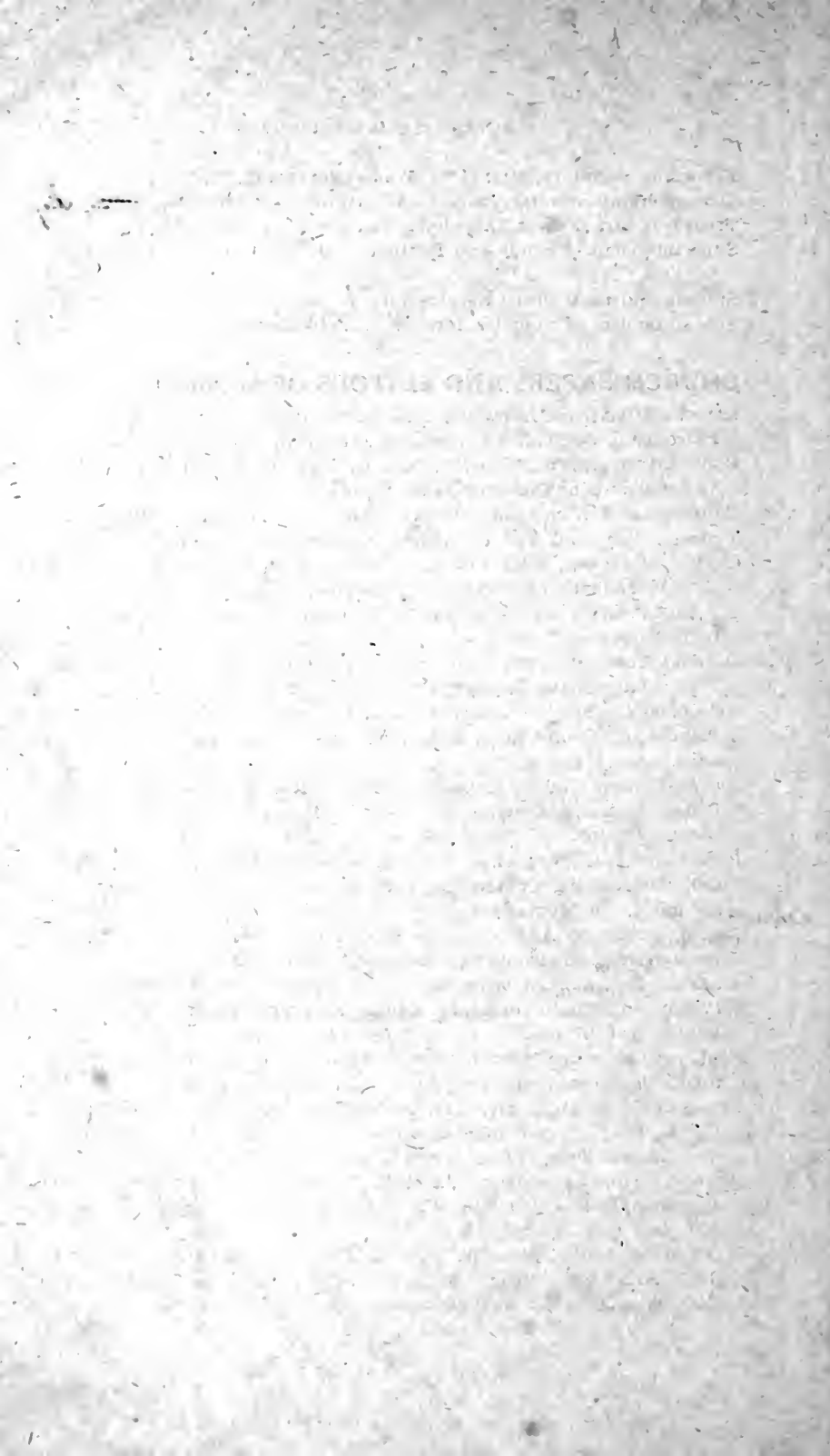
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